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DENNIS CHANG: Thank you very much. Welcome to the Thick WHOIS policy implementation review team meeting. This is the 14th of February 2017. So, let's get started. What we'll do is, look at the project status schedule, and we'll examine our deliverables, and really focus on the near term deliverables, and we'll talk about the ICANN 58 plans in the next step.

So, as you all know, we made the announcement on 1 February 2017, as we had scheduled and planned, and registries and registrars had received their notification, and the... So that is the policy side. On the IRT [letter?] side, we had a GNSO Council letter that those of you who joined the call will know that Council discussed it on the 19th of January.

They have shared a letter with the RDS [PDP?] working group on 2 February, letting them know that IRT has not made any mistake requests or action, but this information, and then RDS can, the PDP working group can take it and maybe [inaudible] in their scope.

And I'm tracking the RDS PDP working group too, and today, actually, 90 minute session, we're devoting most of their time on the privacy, data privacy issue. This presentation made by, you know, people from outside educating the, that working group, and it's an interesting discussion.

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So, for the thick WHOIS policy implementation team, there isn't any action for us to do here. I think that, I'll leave it for that, so we'll move on to our implementation. The CLND timeline, we started, so for six months, we'll do our implementation and we'll talk about exactly what that means and who needs to do what, for the implementation of 1 August 2017, that's our first policy effective date.

And the [inaudible] implementation past this timeline, again, same slide we've been looking at for the last six, seven months, has not changed. We're keeping to the schedule and we plan to, keep to the schedule, various milestones we'll discuss in detail, but two effective days, we passed policy effective date for the new registration, 1 May, and 1 February 2019 for the transition completion.

So, CLND policy list, look at this. We have to do, right? 1 August 2017 is coming up, as this summer, so registry operator must update the name [inaudible] in the output of the domain name server and registrar objects. And the registrar provides additional CLMD elements, specifically the [abused?] contact email and phone, those are the required elements. There are optional elements too, but I just put required elements here.

What does ICANN do? ICANN will do this IRT meetings, and the list use. So, we will let the, we will report back to the IRT how everybody is doing on this, we'll track it all the way through policy effective date. Now, let's stop here, pause a moment, and talk about this.

Does anybody see any other tasks that is required? Or do you see any kind of risk to this implementation? Is it pretty simple and

straightforward and there is really nothing more to discuss? Can I hear from the IRT?

Let's see, Marc, go ahead Marc. You raised your hand?

MARC ANDERSON:

Hey Dennis. This is Marc. There aren't so many of us on today, I'll go ahead. I think you've got the gist of it. Yeah, the... You know, essentially the main purpose of the SLD policy recommendation in the policy was to, was for to get registries to standardize the output for those fields as you've outlined.

So, you know, that's really the main purpose right there. And, you know, of course, in many, if not all cases, the additional field, registrar abuse, email, and phone fields will need to be collected by the registries from the registrars, you know, and I can speak for VeriSign, I don't know about other registries, but we've begun the process of reaching out to registrars and trying to collect that data.

So, at least from our perspective, it's underway. So, you know, I think you've captured the gist of it there.

DENNIS CHANG:

That's good to hear, Marc. So, how is that done? Do you send them an email?

MARC ANDERSON: Yeah, we, yeah, our outreach has really been, at this point, just email outreach. We have a distribution that goes all applicable registrars, and that's been sent out, letting them know that this is a requirement, and how to provide that information, you know, what the deadlines and process for that is.

DENNIS CHANG: Okay. Thank you for that status and input. So, we will proceed to the next interesting slide here. So, let me just give you a quick preview, I have three slides. One is 1 February to May 2017, the other is 1 May to 1 August, and the one by 1 August, and the other slide is 1 August 2017 to 1 February 2019.

Okay? So, let's start, with 1 February 2017 to 1 May 2018, I guess, right. One... January by 1 May 2017. So now until 1 May this year, right? So, this is, I think, the near term deliverable. So, for this near term, registry operator must provide documentation, reflecting the changes necessary to support registrars to migrate the registration data for existing domain name.

So, this is what Marc is working on right now, I'm sure. And also deploy by 1 May, the EPP mechanism, and the alternate transfer mechanisms, so there is true mechanisms in a test environment, right? So that registrars can start to [inaudible]. And also, we talked about let's start the definition of the transition progress metrics that the registrar operator must provide.

So, we have not really talked about this in the past. We, you know, we're thinking this is something that can be left, according [inaudible]

which is now, so if there are certain metrics that is being used already, that format that we should just adopt, or we can do that, or we can come up with something new.

So, let's hear from the IRT, probably Marc. How is it going? Again?

MARC ANDERSON:

Hey Dennis, Marc again. Sorry, I'm just flipping through. I thought the transition... So, the transition metrics don't start until 1 August 2017. [CROSSTALK]

DENNIS CHANG:

Let me give you the next start... So, 1 August 2017, we have to complete the definition of, I guess maybe, that's the confusing part. We're not saying you actually have to do the best metrics, but you have to design the format and figure out who to send it to, and how, that's what I meant.

So, 1 August we start. Here it says, right here, this slides says, registry operators shall provide the metrics to the registrar and ICANN, right? So, is this clear? Does this clarify?

MARC ANDERSON:

Yes.

DENNIS CHANG: Okay. So yeah, you don't actually start until [inaudible]. What we're trying to say is, let's not waste [inaudible] and let's just, between us, define what it looks like. That's all we're saying.

MARC ANDERSON: Got you.

DENNIS CHANG: Do you think it's too early? We can wait, you know, until May.

MARC ANDERSON: No, we certainly can. I was sort of, you know, working off what was written in the policy, so the transition progress metrics section defines it as, you know, including the transition from thin to thick, including at least the total number of domains managed by registrar number and percentage of domains with contact object attached.

So, from my read what I would have been moving towards is, you know, basically a registrar in an ICANN version of this report. So, each registrar would receive their own unique reports, so only containing their data with their total number of domains. And the number of those domains, the contact objects and the percentage of domains with contact objects, and just sort of assuming a basic CSV format.

And then for the ICANN version, the ICANN version would be the roll up of all registrars, so it would be, same sort of CSV, and a row for each registrar. And so you would have registrar, total number of domains

managed by that registrar, number of domains with contact object attached and percentage of domains with contact objects attached.

So that's sort of the assumption I've been proceeding with. Is that helpful? Make sense?

DENNIS CHANG:

It makes sense to me. Are there any questions there from anyone? I think that was our understanding.

Okay. So then, that was, we were just talking about is the metrics, the operations, [OTEM?] environment, and the documentation by 1 May. Is there anything to discuss there? Any questions there? From anyone?

No? Then we'll move on to the next point in time, which is 1 May through 1 August. This is when the registrar has the work to do. They're testing the migration of the data using the [OTEM] system, obviously, with the documentation that's provided by the registry.

Any questions here? Is there anything that registrar needs to do before 1 May? They can safely wait, right?

Okay. So by 1 August 2017, that's the milestone that's important, that's the deployment of the mechanisms, both of them. And that's the point where registrars can start to migrate the data.

Any questions there?

Okay. Then the final slide that I have is 1 August through 1 February. This is where the domain, the transition or migration happens. And the

metrics reporting flow for the time period, monthly. And this was a proposal made by, I think, Francisco that rather than inventing another email, that we simply use existing email address that registry is already using, it's called registry dash report dot ICANN dot ORG.

MARC ANDERSON:

Dennis, this is Marc. Let me take that back, but I suspect that will be fine. I don't see that being an issue at all. But also, just for registrars, just sort of to note, we have sort of two delivery mechanisms for registrars, and we plan to use both of them, so we have a web portal. The registrars will be able to access their transition metrics from, and then we also have a FFTP site that they can download those reports from.

So, we plan to make those reports available to registrars, you know, via those existing mechanisms.

DENNIS CHANG:

Well, that sounds good. If they're already existing, this answers how the questions the registrar may have. Yeah, we're working on a FAQ, and we're collecting those questions, so it's good to have those answers here. I think that's the plan. That will work. Okay. Any other questions from registrars on the call?

If there are no further questions, I'm going to move on, and we talk about basically ICANN 58 and the next steps. We'll continue this effort of coordinating the execution or the implementation between the three

parties here, [inaudible] in ICANN. And they'll continue to report back to the IRT on the progress that we're making.

And the next IRT plan is not until the ICANN 58 in Copenhagen. The time and date have to be confirmed, and it will be published on 20th of February, tentatively, we have requested Wednesday the 15th of March, 9 AM.

Any other questions on this?

Go ahead, Marc.

MARC ANDERSON:

Thanks Dennis, this is Marc again. Not really a question, just sort of a request to maybe consider for the Copenhagen meeting. You know, it would be, for the IRT to consider what other outreach, or what outreach might make sense, certainly as a registry, you know, we'll be doing some outreach ourselves, but is there any kind of ICANN outreach?

You mentioned at sort of the top of the meeting, the two new registrar fields. The registrar abuse email and phone fields, you know, that requires registrars to take action, to pass that data to registries, a number of registries, I imagine. So, you know, does it make sense for ICANN staff, or is there is some recommendation that we can provide as an IRT as to, you know, what outreach might make sense to let the community, specifically in this example, registrars know about that obligation?

And then later when we get into the thick transition itself, are there any kind of recommendations the IRT might consider as far as outreach

there? But it's just sort of my thoughts on what might make sense as a potential agenda item for the Copenhagen meeting. Thank you.

DENNIS CHANG:

Yes, makes sense. Thank you for the suggestion. Does the IRT member have any comments?

In regards to staff activity, I'll talk to our registrar friends, and see if they can add something to their meetings with the registrar stakeholder [inaudible] to mention the policy implementation and actions that they should be taking, okay?

Thank you for the suggestions, and the participation. And if there are no more questions, I'm going to conclude the meeting early. If there is nothing else that you would like to discuss.

Okay, then. Thank you very much. Yeah, thank you everyone. And we'll see you in ICANN 58, Copenhagen.

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