



The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

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Mr. Constantine Roussos
Founder
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Re: Clarification on ICANN-GAC Resolutions Impact on Pending Community Objections

Dear Mr. Constantine Roussos:

Thank you for your letter dated 12 July 2013. We appreciate that you took the time to write to us, and we have posted your letter to the New gTLD correspondence page at (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/program-status/correspondence/roussos-to-crocker-et-al-12jul13-en.pdf>). We respectfully acknowledge your concerns and have addressed them in more detail below.

First, we would like to clarify that applicants are required to notify ICANN of changes to application materials as changes occur. Per the Applicant Guidebook, Section 1.2.7, "If at any time during the evaluation process information previously submitted by an applicant becomes untrue or inaccurate, the applicant must promptly notify ICANN via submission of the appropriate forms." Once submitted, application change requests will be considered against the seven criteria described on the New gTLD Program's microsite (<http://newgtlds.icann.org/en/applicants/customer-service/change-requests>). Approval or denial of a change request is only based on these seven criteria and no other basis. If a change request is approved, the changes become part of the application materials and are published and made available for public comment via the Application Comment Forum (<https://gtldcomment.icann.org/comments-feedback/applicationcomment/login>).

Regarding your request that each application be considered as it was submitted at the close of the application window, please note that the dispute resolution process is performed by an independent service provider, which appoints an Expert Panel to make a determination. The Expert Panel makes its determination based on the information provided to it by the objector and the applicant. As stated in the Applicant Guidebook, Attachment to Module 3, "the Panel may refer to and base its findings upon the statements and documents submitted and any rules or principles that it determines to be applicable." Additionally, "the Panel may require a party to provide additional evidence." ICANN does not dictate or limit the scope of the documentation that the Panel may request or evaluate.



We hope that this information provides clarification on the change request and objection processes. Thank you for your communication and your participation in ICANN's multi-stakeholder model.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, which appears to read "Christine Willett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Christine A. Willett
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