



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and
Information Administration
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Bill Manning
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Subject: Delegation Status of the .UM (United States Minor Outlying Islands) Top-Level Domain Name

Dear Mr. Manning:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is in receipt of your April 22, 2008 letter in which you claim to be the operator of the .UM (United States Minor Outlying Islands) country-code top-level domain name (ccTLD) and protest the return of the domain to unassigned status. NTIA has seen no evidence to substantiate your claim. To the contrary, the information that has been provided to NTIA supports the decision to return the .UM ccTLD to unassigned status.

The .UM ccTLD is associated with the United States Minor Outlying Islands (Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, Johnston Atoll, Kingman Reef, Midway Island, Palmyra Atoll, Wake Island, Navassa Island), which are part of the Pacific Remote Islands under the jurisdiction of the United States Government. As such, the .UM ccTLD is a United States Government asset.

Since December 4, 1997, the University of Southern California's Information Sciences Institute (USC/ISI), on behalf of the United States Government, has acted as the administrator for the .UM ccTLD. On October 3, 2006, ICANN received correspondence from USC/ISI indicating they no longer wish to perform the administrator function for .UM ccTLD. Also, in this correspondence, USC/ISI indicated there were no sub-delegations for the .UM ccTLD. On January 16, 2007, during a Special Meeting of the ICANN Board of Directors, the Board Resolved (07.04) that the delegation of the .UM ccTLD be removed from the DNS root, and that it be returned to unassigned status. The minutes of this meeting are publically available at <http://www.icann.org/minutes/minutes-17jan07.htm>.

As is appropriate for the relevant governmental authority for the .UM ccTLD, NTIA, on behalf of the United States Government, notified ICANN on March 12, 2008 that the United States Government supports the ICANN Board of Directors' proposal to place the .UM ccTLD in an unassigned status. NTIA also instructed ICANN that the United States Government must approve any decisions regarding the redelegation of the ccTLD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Vernita D. Harris', written in a cursive style.

Vernita D. Harris
Contracting Officer's Technical Representative

cc: Barbara Roseman, IANA General Manager, ICANN