

GNSO RPMs PDP Working Group Project Change Request to GNSO Council



23 January 2020

Change Overview

Project Name: Review of All RPMs PDP Working Group

Requested by:

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Description:

The 8th and most recent (April 2019) work plan/timeline since the inception (March 2016) of this PDP forecast submission of the Phase 1 Final Report to the GNSO Council in **mid-to-late April 2020**. The WG has determined that this is not feasible.

The WG is requesting approval of a revised 9th work plan/timeline that projects submitting the Phase 1 Final Report by **end-August 2020**.

Change Reason

1. Revisit Initial Review of Uniform Rapid Suspension (URS)

- At ICANN66, the WG agreed to:
 - a) conclude its initial review of the URS procedure;
 - b) consolidate/finalize 34 Sub Team recommendations;
 - c) ascertain more specific support levels for inclusions of 31 individual members' proposals in the Initial Report; and
 - d) complete the 24 action items deferred from the initial URS review.
- This effort was done between November 2019 and mid-January 2020.
- The more comprehensive review of individual URS proposals took longer than originally expected, but the elimination of proposals that received little support / substantial opposition will ease the burden on the community as it reviews and comments upon the Initial Report.

2. Extend Review Period for Draft Initial Report & Public Comment

- The 8th work plan did not allow sufficient time for review of the draft Initial Report and public comments.
- Consider adding more meetings from mid-January through early March to review the draft Initial Report.
- Consider adding three (3) full months (May, June, and July) to review public comments to the Initial Report.

Timeline & Workplan Change

Note:

- The dates below are “**best case**” target delivery date
- Activities and milestones completed before Sep 2019 are omitted

Activity	7 th Workplan Target (as of 8 Feb 2019)	8 th Workplan Target (as of 10 Apr 2019)	9 th Workplan Target (10 Jan 2020)
Complete review of WG Preliminary Recommendations (Sunrise & Claims, TMCH, URS)	11 Sep 2019	07 Nov 2019	04 Dec 2019
Complete assessment of URS Individual Proposals	Not planned	Not planned	15 Jan 2019
Complete review of draft Initial Report	Mid-Oct 2019	Dec 2019	09 Mar 2020
Publish Initial Report	Late-Oct 2019	10 Jan 2020	18 Mar 2020
Complete review of public comment	Jan 2020	Apr 2020	Jul 2020
Submit Phase 1 Final Report to Council	Mid-Feb 2020	Late-Apr 2020	End-Aug 2020

Impact of Change

Scope: The Scope of Phase 1 of the RPMs PDP has not changed.

Budget: There will not be a direct impact to the budget; however, zero slack remains in what is still a “best case” scenario.

Timeline: Additional four (4)-month delay to baseline delivery date in the 8th work plan.

Resourcing: Additional community volunteer time and GNSO Policy staff commitment. The WG’s working method has contributed to volunteer fatigue with only a small subset of active members doing the regular work.

Communications: Council leadership was informally notified on 13 January and the full Council notified on 17 January 2020.

Other: The Council may need to consider the impact on potential new work to be launched in 2020. In addition, the Council should consider how to charter Phase 2 of the RPMs PDP to produce better and more timely results.

Proposed Action

- ❑ Adjust project plan and work plan with a **new “best case” target delivery date of August 2020 for submission of the Phase One Final Report.**
- ❑ WG Co-Chairs to **consider whether to add a second meeting per week** for reviewing public comments to the Draft Initial Report.

Estimated Associated Cost, If Applicable

- Direct cost impacts cannot be calculated at this time (being the second formal PCR of its kind).
- If a total burden rate is calculated in the future as part of PDP3.0 efforts, it can perhaps be backward-calculated to account for this four (4)-month extension.

Thank You and Questions