**1. Should the metering or smoothing consider releasing evaluation results, and transitioning applications into the contract execution and pre-delegation testing phases, at different times?**

*Yes. There is a natural metering and batching process that flows from the review process. For example; there are applicants who are applying for uncontested string(s) and therefore will not be disputed. As these applications are reviewed and approved they should be allowed to move forward. By waiting to release the results of these applications along with those that have multiple issues to resolve (competing strings, disputes) is not only unfair but makes them guilty by association. It also creates a traffic jam when they are released, thus penalizing them twice. Being fair and stopping traffic jams before they occur should be a high priority for ICANN.*

*Also, this is consistent with ICANN’s willingness (in the past) to create what was called a ‘Fast Track” for certain applications and strings. Because uncontested and non-disputed applications pose neither a problem or a threat to ICANN they should be hurried along through the process, thus freeing up valuable time and resources for more problematic strings.*

**A. How can applications be allocated to particular release times in a fair and equitable way?**

*ICANN should look to allocate the release times of applicants depending upon utility. Priority should be given to strings which serve the public interest. Such strings are sisters to ICANN in that they promote a more democratic and egalitarian approach to the Internet.*

**B. Would this approach provide sufficient smoothing of the delegation rate?**

*Yes. By allowing the applicants to move forward in an organic manner, (natural batching by type: For example: commercial versus geo versus idn, non-disputed versus disputed, open registry versus closed) the process will flow more naturally and more efficiently.*

**C. Provide reasoning for selecting this approach.**

*The suggested approach above follows a natural batching and metering process. Let nature do the work first. If a particular application or string is not in keeping with the ICANN mandate it can be altered on an individual rather than wholesale basis.*

**2. Should the metering or smoothing be accomplished by downstream metering of application processing (i.e., in the contract execution, pre-delegation testing or delegation phases)?**

*The metering process should start at the beginning. Again there is a organic process at work that should be obvious beginning with the initial review of the application. ICANN should allow applications to move forward as they are vetted and approved. This will save time, money and intellectual capacity, thereby directing it towards more difficult strings*

**A. How can applications be allocated to a particular timing in contract execution, pre-delegation testing, or delegation in a fair and equitable way?**

*The above proposal lets the natural order be dictated by the applicant and the string by processing those with the clearest path to move forward first and those with the least clear path to move forward only after all the issues have been resolved.*

**B. Provide reasoning for selecting this approach.**

*It should be apparent that not all string applications are created equally. So why treat them so. If one application meets every ICANN requirement and another does not then why release them at the same time. ICANN’s attempt to make everything equal has in fact done just the opposite.*

**3. Include a statement describing the level of importance that the order of evaluation and delegation has for your application.**

*Every applicant that provides input is promoting their own interests. This is also true of ICANN, whether it be economic, community interest, competitive or survival. Our recommendation are the result of much thought and experience in running a country code tld as well as familiarity with the ICANN process. Additionally we are cognizant of the challenges ICANN faces and believe that our recommendations help the process by removing many manmade obstacles.*