



REGISTRY OPERATOR'S REPORT

December 2015

Afilias Limited Monthly Operator Report – December 2015

As required by the ICANN/Afilias Limited Registry Agreement (Section 3.1(c)(iv)) this report provides an overview of Afilias Limited activity through the end of the reporting month. The information is primarily presented in table and chart format with text explanations as deemed necessary. Information is provided in order as listed in Appendix 4 of the Registry Agreement.

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Section 1 – Accredited Registrar Status – December 2015

The following table displays the current number and status of the ICANN accredited registrars. The registrars are grouped into three categories:

- 1. Operational registrars:** Those who have authorized access into the Shared Registration System (SRS) for processing domain name registrations.
- 2. Registrars in the Ramp-up Period:** Those who have received a password to the Afilias Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E) environment. The OT&E environment is provided to allow registrars to develop and test their systems with the SRS.
- 3. Registrars in the Pre-Ramp-up Period:** Those who have been sent a welcome letter from Afilias, but have not yet executed the Registry Confidentiality Agreement and/or have not yet submitted a completed Registrar Information Sheet.

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Status	No. of Registrars
Operational Registrars	436
Registrars In Ramp-Up Period	51
Registrars in Pre-Ramp-Up Period	385
Total	872

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Section 2 – Service Level Agreement Performance – December 2015

The following table compares the SLA requirements with Actual Performance for the reporting month. As required by the ICANN/Afilias Limited Agreement, Afilias Limited is committed to provide service levels as outlined in Appendix 7 of the agreement and to comply with the requirements of the SLA Appendix 10 of the agreement. The SLA is incorporated into the Afilias Registry Registrar Agreement that is executed with all operational registrars.

Component/Service	Availability		Performance	
	Required	Actual	Required	Actual
DNS				
AXFR/IXFR Updates	Unplanned 300 minutes	None	< 5 minutes	100% < 5 minutes
	Planned 480 minutes ⁽¹⁾	None		
Resolution of .info domains, each name-server	Unplanned 20 seconds	None	< 300 milliseconds	14 milliseconds (Avg.)
	Planned 480 minutes ⁽¹⁾	None		
WHOIS				
Singular query/response	Unplanned 240 minutes	None	< 800 milliseconds	4 milliseconds (Avg.)
	Planned 480 minutes ⁽¹⁾	None		
BILLING				
Account balance check/modify	Unplanned 240 minutes	None	N/A	N/A
	Planned 480 minutes ⁽¹⁾	None		
Manual balance adjust	Unplanned 300 minutes	None	N/A	N/A
	Planned 480 minutes	None		
ADMIN				
Update Registrar profile	Unplanned 300 minutes	None	N/A	N/A
	Planned 480 minutes ⁽¹⁾	None		
Update Registrar status	Unplanned 300 minutes	None	N/A	N/A
	Planned 480 minutes ⁽¹⁾	None		
PROTOCOL INTERFACE				
Write Operations	Unplanned 240 minutes	None	< 800 milliseconds	33 milliseconds (Avg.)
	Planned 480 minutes ⁽¹⁾	None		
Transfer	Unplanned 240 minutes	None	< 1600 milliseconds	10 milliseconds (Avg.)
	Planned 480 minutes ⁽¹⁾	None		
Query Operations	Unplanned 240 minutes	None	< 400 milliseconds	4 milliseconds (Avg.)
	Planned 480 minutes ⁽¹⁾	None		

(1) No more than 240 minutes per week. In addition, each minute of Unplanned Outage Time subtracts from the available Monthly Planned outage Time up to four (4) hours.

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Section 2 – Service Level Agreement Performance – Continued

Service Attribute	Required	Actual
DNS service availability from any nameserver (i.e., at least one nameserver available), minimum	99.999%	100%
DNS service availability from each nameserver, minimum	99.93%	100%
DNS query response rate for all nameservers combined, minimum absolute	Minimum 10,000/sec	> 10,000/sec
DNS query response rate for each nameserver, minimum	300% *	Meets requirement
Cross-network nameserver round-trip time, maximum	300 ms	14 ms
Cross-network nameserver packet loss, maximum	< 10%	< 10%
DNS update interval, maximum	15 minutes	100% < 5 minutes
SRS service availability, minimum	99.45%	100%
SRS processing time, maximum for query operations	400 ms	4 ms
SRS processing time, maximum for write operations	800 ms	33 ms
SRS service planned outage duration, maximum	8 hrs/month **	None
SRS service planned outage timeframe	13:00-23:00 UTC Saturday	None
SRS service planned outage notification, minimum	7 days	None
SRS service extended planned outage timeframe	13:00-23:00 UTC Saturday	None
Whois service availability, minimum	99.45%	100%
Whois query processing time, maximum	800 ms	4 ms
Whois update interval, maximum	15 minutes	100% < 15 minutes
Whois service planned outage duration, maximum	8 hrs/month **	None
Whois service planned outage timeframe	13:00-23:00 UTC Saturday	None
Whois service planned outage notification, minimum	7 days	None

* see RFC 2780, sec. 2.3

** includes Whois and SRS

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Section 3 – INFO Zone File Access Activity – December 2015

The following table summarizes the zone file access activity for the current reporting month. As required by the ICANN/Afilias Limited Agreement, Afilias provides third parties bulk access to the zone file for the .INFO TLD.

Zone file access passwords at the end of the previous month	Nov-15	682
New zone file access passwords		2
Total zone file access approvals at the end of the reporting month	Dec-15	684

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Section 4 – Completed SRS/System Software Releases

As required by the ICANN/Afilias Limited Registry Agreement, The following table shows significant releases that have occurred during the month (it excludes software released only to fix a bug). The Afilias Limited Shared Registration System (SRS) is continually being improved to better meet the needs of accredited registrars.

Release Name	Features	Target Date	Complete Date
(None in Dec 2015)			

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Section 5 – Whois Service Activity

The total monthly “Whois” queries are shown below (In Thousands)

Month	Total	Peak	Average
Dec-15	138,412.2	7,604.4	4,464.9

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Section 6 – Total Number of Transactions by Subcategory by Month

In compliance with Section-6 of Appendix 4 to the ICANN/Afilias Limited Registry Agreement, the tables that follow present the number of transactions for the current month for each transaction subcategories.

6a – Total Monthly Domain Name Transactions by Subcategory (In Thousands)

Total	Add	Deletes							
		Add Grace Period	RGP	Failures	Modify	Renew	Transfer	Check	Restores
148,139.4	359.5	2.6	129.5	140.2	2,570.4	382.5	41.1	144,513.5	0.1

6b – Total Monthly Domain Name Transaction Failures by Subcategory (In Thousands)

Total	Add	Delete	Modify	Renew	Transfer	Check	Restores
1,692.3	204.9	140.2	885.2	57.1	29.7	375.2	0.0

6c – Total Monthly Name Server Transactions by Subcategory (In Thousands).

Total	Add	Delete	Modify	Renew	Transfer	Check	Restores
1,383.6	27.6	11.9	11.0	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	1,333.1	Not Applicable

6d – Total Monthly Name Server Transaction Failures by Subcategory (In Thousands)

Total	Add	Delete	Modify	Renew	Transfer	Check	Restores
20.1	13.2	5.2	1.5	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	0.2	Not Applicable

6e – Total Monthly Contact Information Transactions by Subcategory (In Thousands)

Total	Add	Delete	Modify	Renew	Transfer	Check	Restores
3,691.2	729.7	720.3	1,533.9	Not Applicable	24.0	683.3	Not Applicable

6f – Total Monthly Contact Information Transaction Failures by Subcategory (In Thousands).

Total	Add	Delete	Modify	Renew	Transfer	Check	Restores
75.1	27.2	4.7	43.1	Not Applicable	0.0	0.1	Not Applicable

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Section 7 – Average Daily Transaction Range

The range of transaction volume is shown for each month along with the average daily transaction volume.

Average Daily Transaction Range (In Thousands)

