



Domain Name Dispute Resolution Center (DNDRC)

Arbitration and Mediation Center

COMPLAINT PANEL TEMPORARY SUSPENSION ORDER

Case No. 2025-0004 | Order No. 01

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1. The Complainant

The Complainant is Governmentjobs.com, Inc., having its office at 2120 Park Place, Suite 100, El Segundo, California, United States 90245. The Complainant has initiated the Complaint vide their authorized representative Mr. David Eisler.

2. The Domain Name

The domain name upon which the Complaint is based is <governmentsjob.pk>, hereinafter referred to as the Disputed Domain Name [“Disputed Domain Name”].

3. Jurisdiction

The Panel’s jurisdiction over this dispute between the Complainant and the Respondent is established by virtue of the Internet Domain Registration Policy version 4.4 (2019-08-19) and the Rules.

The Respondent applied for and was granted registration of the DDN on the basis of these regulations, and has submitted to, the PKNIC - Internet Domain Registration Policy version 4.4 (2019-08-19) and the Rules and correspondingly to the arbitral jurisdiction of the DNDRC and its arbitration decisions.

Under the PKNIC - Internet Domain Registration Policy (Version 4.4 rev 2019-08-19), if the use of a domain name contravenes applicable criminal law, PKNIC reserves the right to cancel or transfer the domain name.

4. Procedural History

DNDRC was informed of the Complaint against the Respondent as per PKNIC - Internet Domain Registration Policy, by notification from the Complainant on 24 January 2025. Upon receipt of the Complaint, DNDRC completed its compliance review.

The Complainant has prayed that the Disputed Domain Name should be suspended immediately. DNDRC constituted an emergency panel on 25 January 2025 to consider whether the Complainant's request for immediate suspension should be allowed, subject to final determination of the dispute.

The Panel conducted a preliminary *ex-parte* hearing with the Complainant and representatives from the Los Angeles County on 28 January 2025 with respect to the Complainant's request to immediately suspend the Disputed Domain Name.

5. Findings

The Panel conducted a preliminary *ex-parte* hearing with the Complainant and representatives of the Los Angeles County on 28 January 2025. In this hearing, the Complainant and representatives from the Los Angeles County submitted that the Disputed Domain Name is falsely claiming to be affiliated with the Los Angeles County and is being used to collect copies of Social Security Numbers, Driver's Licenses or State ID cards, selfies, official transcripts, degree certifications or any relevant certifications from the public. The Complainant and representatives of the Los Angeles County satisfied the Panel that the matter in question is serious and urgent in nature.

The Panel has also, as an exception, reviewed the contents of the website associated with the Disputed Domain Name. The Panel finds that *prima facie*, the website associated with the Disputed Domain Name appears to be collecting large volumes of personal data from users while suggesting to users that such information is being collected in connection with application to government jobs. *Prima facie*, it does not appear to the Panel that the jobs being posted on the website associated with the Disputed Domain Name are legitimate.

Based on the information available with the Complainant and representatives of the Los Angeles County, and the independent review of the Panel, the Panel finds, *prima facie*, that the Disputed Domain Name appears to be used in connection with criminal purposes, which contravenes applicable criminal law, including but not limited to electronic forgery under Section 13 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 and spoofing under Section 24 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016. Therefore, PKNIC reserves the right to suspend the Disputed Domain Name under PKNIC - Internet Domain Registration Policy (Version 4.4 rev 2019-08-19).

The Panel recognizes the devastating impact of the recent wildfires in California, which have resulted in significant hardship, loss and emotional distress for affected communities, including those in Los Angeles County. In times of such extraordinary crisis, the Panel notes that affected

individuals may find themselves in vulnerable circumstances, including seeking employment opportunities. The risk of exploitation through fraudulent means, such as phishing schemes targeting personal data, is particularly acute in these circumstances. The Panel acknowledges the need for extraordinary measures to protect the public from such risks.

The Panel further emphasizes that public trust and confidence in government institutions are of paramount importance during such difficult times. The impersonation of a government-affiliated website to conduct phishing will not only endangers individuals seeking employment but also more broadly undermines the integrity of public institutions during this time.

The Panel expresses its deep sympathy for those affected by the wildfires and recognizes the immense challenges faced by vulnerable communities during this difficult time. Noting that such communities are being targeted through fraudulent means, the Panel finds that immediate, unprecedented, and extraordinary action is necessary to prevent further harm. The Panel also notes that PKNIC, in its commitment to serving the global internet community, has a responsibility to take appropriate and responsible action to protect users from exploitation, particularly in times of crisis.

6. Order

Pursuant to Section 4 of the PKNIC - Internet Domain Registration Policy Version 4.4, the Panel recommends that PKNIC suspend¹ the Disputed Domain Name from resolving until the determination of the Complaint or until any further orders. The Panel recommends that PKNIC implement this decision 24 hours of receipt of this order by email. The Complainant may contact PKNIC for implementation of this order.

The Panel also recommends that DNDRC expedite issuance of notice of the Complaint to the Respondent.

This order is issued without prejudice to the final determination of the Complaint by the panel to be constituted by the DNDRC. The issuance of this order shall not be construed as an indication of the Panel's final decision or any rights or claims of the parties involved.

Arbitrator: Zahid Jamil

Sole Panelist

Date: 29 January 2025

¹ Temporarily cancel registration of the Disputed Domain Name.