

DECLARATION OF A. JEAN MAHONEY FOR IETF ADMINISTRATION LLC (IETF)

RFC 2616: Hypertext Transfer Protocol -- HTTP/1.1

I, A. Jean Mahoney, hereby declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge and are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code:

1. I am an employee of Association Management Solutions, LLC (AMS), which acts under contract to the IETF Administration LLC (IETF) as the operator of the RFC Production Center. The RFC Production Center is part of the "RFC Editor" function, which prepares documents for publication and places files in an online repository for the authoritative Request for Comments (RFC) series of documents (RFC Series), and preserves records relating to these documents. The RFC Series includes, among other things, the series of Internet standards developed by the IETF. I hold the position of Director of the Requests for Comments Production Center (the RPC) Communications and Strategy. I began employment with AMS on 26 August 2019.

2. My responsibilities as Director of RPC Communications and Strategy include acting as the custodian of records relating to the RFC Series, and I am familiar with the record keeping practices relating to the RFC Series, including the creation and maintenance of such records.

3. I have held my position as Director of RPC Communications and Strategy since 1 January 2025. Immediately prior to becoming the Director of RPC Communications and Strategy, I was an Associate Director for two (2) years, and prior to

that I held various manager and editor positions with AMS.

4. The RFC Editor function was conducted by the Information Sciences Institute at the University of California ("ISI") under contract to the United States government prior to 1998. In 1998, the Internet Society (ISOC), in furtherance of its IETF activity, entered into the first in a series of contracts with ISI providing for ISI's performance of the RFC Editor function. Beginning in 2010, certain aspects of the RFC Editor function were assumed by the RFC Production Center operation of AMS under contract to ISOC (acting through its IETF function and, in particular, the IETF Administrative Oversight Committee (now the IETF Administration LLC)). At the beginning of 2025, the management of the RFC Production Center fully transitioned to IETF Administration LLC. The business records of the RFC Editor function, as it was conducted by ISI, are currently housed with a cloud vendor under contract with IETF Administration LLC.

5. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge and information contained in the business records of the RFC Editor as they are currently housed by AMS with a cloud vendor under contract with IETF Administration LLC, or in confirmation with other responsible RFC Editor personnel with such knowledge.

6. Prior to 1998, the RFC Editor's regular practice was to publish RFCs, making them available from a repository via FTP. When a new RFC was published, an announcement of its publication, with information on how to access the RFC, would be typically sent out within 24 hours of the publication.

7. Since 1998, the RFC Editor's regular practice was to publish RFCs, making them available on the RFC Editor website or via FTP. When a new RFC was published, an announcement of its publication, with information on how to access the RFC, would

be typically sent out within 24 hours of the publication. The announcement would go out to all subscribers and a contemporaneous electronic record of the announcement is kept in the IETF mail archive that is available online.

8. Beginning in 1998, any RFC published on the RFC Editor website or via FTP was reasonably accessible to the public and was disseminated or otherwise available to the extent that persons interested and ordinarily skilled in the subject matter or art exercising reasonable diligence could have located it. In particular, the RFCs were indexed and placed in a public repository.

9. The RFCs are kept in an online repository in the course of the RFC Editor's regularly conducted activity and ordinary course of business. The records are made pursuant to established procedures and are relied upon by the RFC Editor in the performance of its functions.

10. It is the regular practice of the RFC Editor to make and keep the RFC records.

11. Based on the business records for the RFC Editor and the RFC Editor's course of conduct in publishing RFCs, I have determined that the publication date of RFC 2616 was no later than June, 1999, at which time it was reasonably accessible to the public either on the RFC Editor website or via FTP from a repository. An announcement of its publication also would have been sent out to subscribers within 24 hours of its publication. A copy of that RFC is attached to this declaration as **Exhibit 1**.

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FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT
THE FOREGOING IS BASED UPON PERSONAL
KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION AND IS
BELIEVED TO BE TRUE.

Date: 21 October 2025

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