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ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER CABLE LANDING LICENSE ACT

Section 1.767(a) Cable Landing Licenses, Modifications, and Assignments or Transfers of Control of Interests in Cable Landing Licenses (47 C.F.R. § 1.767(a))

By the Chief, Policy Division, International Bureau:

Pursuant to An Act Relating to the Landing and Operation of Submarine Cables in the United States, 47 U.S.C. §§ 34-39 (Cable Landing License Act), Executive Order No. 10530, Exec. Ord. No. 10530 reprinted as amended in 3 U.S.C. § 301, and section 1.767 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.767, the following applications ARE GRANTED. These grants of authority are taken under section 0.261 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.261. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this public notice.

This public notice serves as each cable landing licensee's Cable Landing License, or modification thereto, pursuant to the Cable Landing License Act and sections 1.767 and 1.768 of the Commission's rules. Cable landing licensees should review carefully the terms and conditions of their licenses. Failure to comply with these terms and conditions or relevant Commission rules and policies could result in fines or forfeitures.

The Commission most recently amended its rules applicable to submarine cable landing licenses in Review of Commission Consideration of Applications under the Cable Landing License Act, IB Docket No. 00-106, FCC 01-332, 16 FCC Rcd 22167 (2001), 67 Fed. Reg. 1615 (Jan. 14, 2002). An updated version of sections 1.767 and 1.768 of the rules is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/pd/pf/telecomrules.html>. See also http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-02-598A1.pdf for a March 13, 2002 Public Notice; http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-01-332A1.pdf for the December 14, 2001 Report and Order.

Transfer of Control

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 06/10/2008

Current Licensee: Northstar License Corporation**FROM:** Crest Communications Corporation**TO:** Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc.

Acceptability for Filing Public Notice: See Northstar License Corporation's Application to Transfer Control of the Northstar Cable System, File No. SCL-T/C-20080423-00007, Streamlined Submarine Cable Landing License Applications Accepted for Filing Public Notice, Report No. SCL-00062S (IB rel. May 9, 2008). No opposition or other comments were filed in response to Public Notice. The Application has been coordinated with the Department of State and other Executive Branch agencies pursuant to section 1.767(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.767(b), and consistent with procedures established with the Department of State. See Review of Commission Consideration of Applications under the Cable Landing License Act, IB Docket No. 00-106, Report and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 22167 (2001) (Submarine Cable Licensing Report and Order); Streamlined Procedures for Executive Branch Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Requests, Media Note (Revised) (rel. Dec. 20, 2001) available at <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2001/6951.htm>

Actions Taken: Grant of Authority to transfer control of the Northstar Cable System, SCL-LIC-19940617-00002, SCL-LIC-19960308-00001 (Old File Nos. SCL-94-004, SCL-96-002), held by Northstar License Corporation (Northstar) from its indirect 100 percent parent corporation, Crest Communications Corporation (Crest), to Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. (ACS). The Northstar Cable System includes an undersea connection from Whittier, Alaska to Valdez, Alaska and an undersea connection from Whittier to both Lean Point, Alaska and Nedonna Beach, Oregon.

Licensee Information: Pursuant to the terms of a Stock Purchase Agreement, ACS will purchase all of the outstanding shares of Crest. Upon consummation, Crest and Northstar will become direct and indirect, wholly-owned subsidiaries of ACS, respectively.

ACS is a publicly traded company in which no individual holds a 10 percent or greater direct or indirect equity or voting interest.

Conditions and Requirements: Alaska Telecom Ltd., LLC, File No. SCL-94-004, Cable Landing License, 10 FCC Rcd 6072, 6074, para. 13 (IB 1995) ("North Star Cable System Order"); Alaska Northstar Communications, LLC, File No. SCL-96-002, Cable Landing License, 11 FCC Rcd 16842, 16846-47, para. 14 (TD/IB 1996) ("North Star Cable System Extension Order"); Alaska Northstar Communications, L.L.C., Transferor, and WCI Cable, Transferee, File Nos. SCL-94-004-TC, SCL-96-002-TC, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 20330, 20333, paras. 9, 12 (TD/IB 1997) (removing condition 14(7) of North Star Cable System Extension Order); AMP Life Limited, File Nos. SCL-T/C-20020123-00002, SCL-ASG-20020123-00003, Cable Landing Licenses Granted Public Notice, 17 FCC Rcd 6053 (PD/IB 2002) (removing condition in para.14(8) of North Star Cable System Extension Order); Northstar License Corporation, File Nos. SCL-MOD-20020725-00090, SCL-MOD-20020725-00091, Actions Taken Under Cable Landing License Act Public Notice, 17 FCC Rcd 22962 (substituting new no special concession condition in 47 C.F.R. §1.767(g)(5); adding new pro forma condition in 47 C.F.R. §1.767(g)(7)).

ACS shall comply with the requirements of Section 1.768 (notifications and prior approval for submarine cable landing licensees that are or propose to become affiliated with a foreign carrier), 47 C.F.R. § 1.768.

Regulatory Status of Cable: The Northstar Cable System operates on a non-common carrier basis. See Northstar Cable System Order, 10 FCC Rcd at 6072-73, para. 6; Northstar Cable System Extension Order, 11 FCC Rcd at 16844-45, paras. 8-10.

Cable Design and Capacity: See Northstar Cable System Order, 10 FCC Rcd at 6072, para. 2; Northstar Cable System Extension Order, 11 FCC Rcd at 16843, para. 4; Alaska Northstar Communications, LLC, File No. SCL-94-004A, Non-Streamlined International Section 214, Cable Landing License and Section 310(b)(4) Applications Accepted for Filing Public Notice, Report No. TEL-165-B (TD/IB rel. June 26, 1998) (landing point notification for Northstar Cable System); Alaska Northstar Communications, LLC, File No. SCL-96-002(M), Non-Streamlined International Section 214 and Cable Landing License Applications Accepted for Filing Public Notice, Report No. TEL-111-B (TD/IB rel. Oct. 26, 1997) (landing point notification for Northstar Cable System Extension).

Transfer of Control

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 06/10/2008

Current Licensee: Northern Lights Holdings, Inc.**FROM:** Crest Communications Corporation**TO:** Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc.

Acceptability for Filing Public Notice: See Northern Lights Holdings Inc.'s Application to Transfer Control of the Northern Lights Cable System, File No. SCL-T/C-20080507-00008, Streamlined Submarine Cable Landing License Applications Accepted for Filing Public Notice, Report No. SCL-00062S (IB rel. May 9, 2008). No opposition or other comments were filed in response to Public Notice. The Application has been coordinated with the Department of State and other Executive Branch agencies pursuant to section 1.767(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R § 1.767(b), and consistent with procedures established with the Department of State. See Review of Commission Consideration of Applications under the Cable Landing License Act, IB Docket No. 00-106, Report and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 22167 (2001) (Submarine Cable Licensing Report and Order); Streamlined Procedures for Executive Branch Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Requests, Media Note (Revised) (rel. Dec. 20, 2001) available at <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2001/6951.htm>

Actions Taken: Grant of Authority to transfer control of the Northern Lights Cable System, SCL-LIC-20020807-00066, SCL-AMD-20020808-00067, held by Northern Lights Holdings Inc. (Northern Lights) from its indirect 100 percent parent corporation, Crest Communications Corporation (Crest), to Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. (ACS). The Northern Lights Cable System, which is unbuilt, consists of two branching units in the northern segment of the TGN-Pacific Cable System, owned and operated by Tata Communications (US) Inc. (formerly known as VSNL International (US) Inc.), extending to landing stations at Shemya, Alaska (western branching unit) and Seward and Kodiak, Alaska (eastern branching unit).

Licensee Information: Pursuant to the terms of a Stock Purchase Agreement, ACS will purchase all of the outstanding shares of Crest. Upon consummation, Crest and Northern Lights will become direct and indirect, wholly-owned subsidiaries of ACS, respectively.

ACS is a publicly traded company in which no individual holds a 10 percent or greater direct or indirect equity or voting interest.

Conditions and Requirements: See Northern Lights Holdings, Inc., File Nos. SCL-LIC-20020807-00066, SCL-AMD-20020808-00067, Actions Taken Under Cable Landing License Act Public Notice, 17 FCC Rcd 19571 (PD/IB 2002) ("Northern Lights Cable License"). ACS shall comply with the requirements of Section 1.768 (notifications and prior approval for submarine cable landing licensees that are or propose to become affiliated with a foreign carrier), 47 C.F.R. § 1.768.

Regulatory Status of Cable: The Northern Lights Cable System will operate on a non-common carrier basis. See Northern Lights Cable License, 17 FCC Rcd 19571.

Cable Design and Capacity: See Northern Lights Cable License, 17 FCC Rcd 19571.