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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, Telecommunications and Analysis 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.

These applications have 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, 22192-93, paras. 51-52 (2001) (Submarine Cable Landing License Report and Order); Streamlined Procedures for Executive Branch Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Requests, State Department Media Note (Revised) (rel. Dec. 20, 2001) available at <http://2001-2009.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2001/6951.htm>.

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.

SCL-ASG-20200720-00031 E MCI International, LLC

Assignment

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 12/30/2020

Current Licensee: MCI International, Inc.

FROM: MCI International, Inc.

TO: MCI International, LLC

Notification filed July 20, 2020, of the pro forma assignment of the interests held by MCI International, Inc. in the Trans-Pacific Express Cable Network cable system, SCL-LIC-20070222-00002, SCL-MOD-20080714-00012, to MCI International LLC, effective June 30, 2020. This transaction did not affect the interests held by other licensees of the Trans-Pacific Express Cable Network.

The assignment resulted from the restructuring of certain subsidiaries of Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon). As part of the restructuring, MCI International, Inc. was converted from a corporation to a limited liability company. In addition, the ownership chain between Verizon and MCI International, LLC was restructured by (1) Verizon Business Network Services Inc., the direct parent of MCI International, LLC, being converted from a corporation into a limited liability company, and (2) MCI Communications Corporation, the direct parent of Verizon Business Network Services, LLC, being merged into Verizon Business Global LLC, a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Verizon.

SCL-ASG-20200720-00032 E Verizon Business Global LLC dba Verizon Business

Assignment

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 12/30/2020

Current Licensee: MCI Communications Corporation

FROM: MCI Communications Corporation

TO: Verizon Business Global LLC dba Verizon Business

Notification filed July 20, 2020, of the pro forma assignment of the interest held by MCI Communications Corporation in the Japan-U.S. submarine cable system, SCL-LIC-19981117-00025, SCL-MOD-20130227-00002, to Verizon Business Global, LLC, effective June 30, 2020. This transaction did not affect the interests held by other licensees of Japan-U.S.

The assignment resulted from the restructuring of certain subsidiaries of Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon). As part of the restructuring, MCI Communications Corporation merged into Verizon Business Global LLC, a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Verizon.

SCL-ASG-20201130-00047 E Aqua Comms (Americas) Inc

Assignment

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 12/30/2020

Current Licensee: America Europe Connect 2 Limited

FROM: America Europe Connect 2 Limited

TO: Aqua Comms (Americas) Inc

Notification filed November 30, 2020, of the pro forma assignment of the interest held by America Europe Connect 2 Limited (AEC2) in the cable landing license for the Havfrue submarine cable system, SCL-LIC-20180511-00010, to Aqua Comms (Americas) Inc. (Aqua Comms Americas). This transaction did not affect the interests held by other licensees of Havfrue.

During the project development process for the Havfrue system, AEC2 held voting and participation interests in the wet segment of the Havfrue system. Upon the commencement of commercial operations of Havfrue on November 17, 2020, Aqua Comms Americas took ownership of the portion of Havfrue in U.S. territorial waters held by AEC2. AEC2 has also assigned interests in international waters and Irish territory to Aqua Comms (Ireland) Limited and Aqua Comms (Denmark) ApS, neither of which uses the U.S. endpoint of Havfrue or is required to be a licensee under 47 CFR 1.767(h). This transaction does not affect the activities or assets of America Europe Connect 2 USA Inc. (AEC2 USA), which will remain the U.S. landing party for Havfrue and a joint cable landing licensee.

Aqua Comms Americas and AEC2 are both indirect wholly owned subsidiaries of Aqua Comms Designated Activity Company, an Irish company, and are ultimately owned and controlled by the Bake Trust, a Jersey company whose economic settlor is Mr. Christopher Paul Bake, a Netherlands citizen.

Transfer of Control

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 12/30/2020

Current Licensee: MFS Globenet, Inc.**FROM:** MCI International Services, Inc. (fka MCI WorldCom International, Inc.)**TO:** MCI International, LLC

Notification filed July 20, 2020, of the pro forma transfer of control of MFS Globenet, Inc., a licensee in three submarine cable systems, from MCI International Services, Inc. to MCI International LLC, effective June 30, 2020. MFS Globenet, Inc. is a licensee on three submarine cables: (1) CB-1 Cable System, SCL-LIC-20080603-00011, (2) Gemini Bermuda System, SCL-LIC-20070925-00017, and (3) Southern Cross Cable Network, SCL-LIC-19971014-00009, SCL-MOD-20020430-00045. This transaction did not affect the interests held by other licensees in these cable systems.

The transfer of control resulted from the restructuring of certain subsidiaries of Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon). Prior to the restructuring, MFS Globenet, Inc., was wholly owned by MCI International Services, Inc. As part of the restructuring, MCI International Services, Inc. was MCI International, Inc. which was then converted from a corporation to a limited liability company. Consequently, MFS Globenet is now a direct subsidiary of MCI International LLC. In addition, the ownership chain between Verizon and MCI International, LLC was restructured by (1) Verizon Business Network Services Inc., the direct parent of MCI International, LLC, being converted from a corporation into a limited liability company, and (2) MCI Communications Corporation, the direct parent of Verizon Business Network Services, LLC, being merged into Verizon Business Global LLC.

INFORMATIVE**SCL-LIC-20080814-00016**

American Samoa Hawaii Cable, LLC

AST Telecom, LLC dba Bluesky, American Samoa Hawaii Cable, LLC, and Samoa American Samoa Cable, LLC (together, the Licensees) notified the Commission by letter on October 23, 2020, that the American Samoa-Hawaii segment of the American Samoa Hawaii Cable System, SCL-LIC-20080814-00016, was retired and taken out of commercial service effective July 16, 2020. In the same letter, Licensees also notified the Commission that the segment of the system connecting Samoa and American Samoa remains in service and will now be known as the Samoa American Samoa Cable System.

SCL-T/C-20201015-00046

Telia Carrier U.S. Inc.

By letter filed December 22, 2020, Applicant notified the Commission of the withdrawal of its application for transfer of control of submarine cable landing authorization.