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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.

Modification

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 04/01/2020

Application for consent to modify the cable landing license for the Americas-II cable system, SCL-LIC-19980429-00019 (Old File No. SCL-98-003), to remove AT&T Mobility Puerto Rico Inc. (AMPR) as a licensee pursuant to Section 1.767(m)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.767(m)(2). Americas-II connects Florida, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Martinique, Curacao, Trinidad, Venezuela, French Guiana, and Brazil and is operated on a common carrier basis.

AMPR states that it no longer holds any interest in Americas-II. It explains that although it held two percent voting and ownership interests in Americas-II, on October 4, 2013 it conveyed its rights and obligations under the Americas-II Cable System Construction and Maintenance Agreement to AT&T Corp., its affiliate company. Both AMPR and AT&T Corp. (a co-licensee on the Americas-II submarine cable license and owner of one of the U.S. landing stations) are wholly owned by AT&T Inc.

AT&T Inc. has agreed to sell AMPR to Liberty Latin America Ltd. See Liberty Latin America Ltd. And AT&T Inc. Seek FCC Consent To The Transfer Of Control Of The Licenses, Authorizations, And Spectrum Lease Held By AT&T Mobility Puerto Rico Inc. And AT&T Mobility USVI Inc. To Liberty Latin America Ltd., WT Docket No. 19-384, Pleading Cycle Established, Public Notice, 34 FCC Red 12502 (WTB/WCB/IB 2019). Since AMPR will not be affiliated with AT&T Corp. once that transaction closes, AMPR has decided to relinquish its interest in the Americas-II license. AMPR has also filed an application to be removed from the international section 214 authorization for overseas cable construction for the Americas-II cable, ITC-214-19980430-00923. See ITC-MOD-20200221-00034. AMPR states that it served copies of this modification application on the other Americas-II submarine cable licensees as required by 47 C.F.R. § 1.767(m)(2).

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AT&T Corp.

Sprint Communications Company, L.P., on behalf of the TAT-14 submarine cable co-licensees, notified the Commission on March 26, 2020 that the TAT-14 submarine cable will be retired from service on December 15, 2020.