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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.

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**SCL-ASG-20210115-00002** E ACS Long Distance, LLC

Assignment

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 02/02/2021

**Current Licensee:** ACS Long Distance, Inc.

**FROM:** ACS Long Distance, Inc.

**TO:** ACS Long Distance, LLC

Notification filed January 15, 2021 of the pro forma assignment of the cable landing license for the AKORN Cable System, SCL-LIC-20071025-00018, which connects Alaska and Oregon, from ACS Long Distance, Inc. to ACS Long Distance, LLC, effective January 1, 2013. ACS Long Distance converted from an Alaska corporation to an Alaska limited liability company.

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**SCL-MOD-20210105-00001** E Aqua Comms (Americas) Inc

Modification

Grant of Authority

Date of Action: 02/10/2021

Request of Aqua Comms (Americas) Inc. (Aqua Comms Americas) to modify the condition placed on the cable landing license for the AECConnect-1 Cable System (AEC-1 Cable, formerly known as Emerald Express), SCL-LIC-20140206-00002. Grant of the license was conditioned on compliance by Emerald Networks Holdings Limited with the commitments and undertakings set forth in the October 1, 2014, letter from Gregory Varisco, President, Emerald Networks Holdings Limited, to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy, Department of Homeland Security (2014 LOA). See Actions Taken Under Cable Landing License Act, SCL-LIC-20140206-00002, Public Notice, Report No. SCL-00156, 29 FCC Rcd 12743 (IB 2014). The AEC-1 cable system connects the United States, Iceland, and Ireland and commenced service on May 5, 2016.

Effective January 5, 2021, Aqua Comms Americas executed a new letter of assurances to address national security and law enforcement concerns relating to the ownership and operation of the AEC-1 Cable System. See Letter dated January 5, 2021 from Michael P. Sauer, VP Americas, Aqua Comms (Americas) Inc. to the Assistant Secretary for Trade and Economic Security, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security (2021 LOA). Aqua Comms Americas requests that the Commission modify the cable landing license to require compliance with the 2021 LOA rather than the 2014 LOA.

Accordingly, we modify the cable landing license for the AEC-1 Cable System, SCL-LIC-20140206-00002, to condition it on compliance by Aqua Comms Americas with the commitments and undertakings set forth in the 2021 LOA. A failure to comply and/or remain in compliance with any of these commitments shall constitute a failure to meet a condition of the cable landing license and thus grounds for declaring the license terminated without further action on the part of the Commission. Failure to meet a condition of the license may also result in monetary sanctions or other enforcement action by the Commission.

A copy of the 2021 LOA is publicly available and may be viewed on the FCC website through the International Bureau Filing System (IBFS) by searching for SCL-MOD-20210105-00001 and accessing "Other filings related to this application" from the Document Viewing area.

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