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Streamlined Submarine Cable Landing License Applications
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Unless otherwise specified, the following procedures apply to the applications listed below:

The applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing and subject to the streamlined processing procedures set forth in section 1.767 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.767. Pursuant to the Submarine Cable Landing License Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 34-39, and Executive Order No. 10530, reprinted as amended in 3 U.S.C. § 301, each applicant seeks: (a) the grant of a submarine cable landing license; (b) the modification of a submarine cable landing license; and/or (c) the assignment or transfer of control of an interest in a submarine cable landing license.

Pursuant to its decision in Review of Commission Consideration of Applications under the Submarine Cable Landing License Act, IB Docket No. 00-106, FCC 01-332, 16 FCC Rcd 22167 (2001), and section 1.767 of the rules, the Commission will take action upon these applications within forty-five (45) days after release of this public notice, unless upon further examination an application is deemed ineligible for streamlined processing.

Ex parte communications between outside parties and Commission staff concerning these applications are permitted subject to the Commission's rules for "permit-but-disclose proceedings." See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206. Unless otherwise specified, interested parties may file comments with respect to these applications within 14 days of this notice. Such filings will not necessarily result in an application being deemed ineligible for streamlined processing.

People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice). All applications listed are subject to further consideration and review, and may be returned and/or dismissed if not found to be in accordance with the Commission's rules, regulations, and other requirements.

SCL-RWL-20250715-00012 S250416 GlobeNet Cabos Submarinos America, Inc.
Date filed: 2025-07-17
Renewal

GlobeNet Cabos Submarinos America, Inc. (GlobeNet or Applicant) filed an application for a new 25-year cable landing license for the GlobeNet Cable System which connects two cable landing stations on the East Coast of the United States with cable landing stations in Bermuda, Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela. The GlobeNet Cable System's initial 25-year license (SCL-LIC-19990602-00010 and SCL-MOD-20121003-00012) will expire on March 28, 2026. The Applicant filed a supplement on September 5, 2025.

The Applicant states that GlobeNet Cable System has operated successfully for approximately 25 years pursuant to the cable landing license the Commission granted in 1999. According to the Applicant, the GlobeNet Cable System will continue to provide important bandwidth between North and South America and to enhance service quality, increase resiliency, and decrease latency in serving these routes.

The GlobeNet Cable System is a non-common carrier submarine cable consisting of approximately 14,000 miles of undersea fiber connecting the United States with Bermuda, Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela. The Applicant states that the system was originally configured in a self-healing ring with landing points at the following locations: Tuckerton, New Jersey; Boca Raton, Florida; Maiquetia, Venezuela; Fortaleza, Brazil; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and St. David's, Bermuda. The Applicant also states that the system was designed as two interconnected rings, with the Primary Ring to connect Tuckerton, Boca Raton, Maiquetia, Fortaleza, and St. David's, and the Rio Ring to connect Fortaleza and Rio de Janeiro. According to the application, the system consists of advanced fiber optic cable technology combined with dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM) channel technology and initially provided 640 Gbps (4096 STM-1s) of fully-restored service capacity, or 1.28 Tbps of total capacity, but was expanded to provide an additional 1.92Tbit/s per fiber pair for the Colombia modification. Total designed system capacity is now 195250.0 Gbps.

Licensing History.

In 1999, the Commission granted a cable landing license to Atlantica USA LLC to land and operate a private fiber optic submarine cable system between the United States, Venezuela, and Bermuda. At that time the cable was called Atlantic-1. *See* Application For a License to Land and Operate in the United States a Private Fiber Optic Submarine Cable System Extending Between the United States, Venezuela, Brazil and Bermuda (The Atlantica-1 Network), SCL-LIC 19990602-00010, Cable Landing License, 14 FCC Rcd. 20787 (IB 1999). The cable system's international segment commenced operation on September 30, 2000, and the United States segments went into service on March 28, 2001. *See* letter from Ulises R. Pin, counsel for GlobeNet, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, filed in SCL-LIC-19990602-00010 (dated May 24, 2018). In 2003, Brasil Telecom of America, Inc. acquired the cable system and renamed the cable to the GlobeNet Cable System. *See* Actions Taken Under Cable Landing License Act, SCL-ASG-20030205-00004, *Public Notice*, 18 FCC Rcd. 6359 (IB 2003). In 2012, the Commission granted a modification of the license to connect to Colombia by the insertion of a Branching Unit, consisting of two additional fiber pair submarine cable, diverting a segment of the system that connects Boca Raton, Florida and Maiquetia, Venezuela to Barranquilla, Colombia. *See* Actions Taken Under Cable Landing License Act, SCL-MOD-20121003-00012, *Public Notice*, 27 FCC Rcd 14917 (IB 2012)). In 2014, Brasil Telecom of America, Inc. changed its name to Cabos Submarinos America, Inc. (GlobeNet). *See* letter from Ulises R. Pin, counsel for GlobeNet, to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, filed in SCL-LIC-19990602-00010 and SCL-ASG-20030205-0004 (dated Feb. 3, 2014).

The GlobeNet Cable System license (SCL-LIC-19990602-00010, SCL-MOD-20121003-00012) is subject to a condition that GlobeNet comply with the commitments set out in the Letter of Agreement

(LOA) from Joshua Forman, General Counsel & Chief Compliance Office, GlobeNet Cabos Submarinos America, Inc., to the Under Secretary for Strategy, Policy and Plans, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Chief, Foreign Investment Review Section (FIRS), Deputy Chief, Compliance and Enforcement (FIRS) on behalf of the Assistant Attorney General for National Security, United States Department of Justice; Office of Foreign Investment Review, Director, U.S. Department of Defense, dated May 27, 2022 (2022 GlobeNet LOA). *See* Actions Taken Under Cable Landing License Act, SCL-T/C-20211001-00043, *Public Notice*, 37 FCC Rcd 7680 (IB June 2022).

Cable System Design and Capacity.

The GlobeNet Cable System is a non-common carrier submarine cable consisting of approximately 14,000 miles of undersea fiber connecting the United States with Bermuda, Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela and consists of the following segments:

1. Tuckerton, NJ – Boca Raton, FL (approximately 1820 kilometers);
2. Boca Raton, FL – Maiquetia, Venezuela (approximately 2870 kilometers);
3. Maiquetia, Venezuela – Fortaleza, Brazil (approximately 4300 kilometers);
4. St. David's, Bermuda – Fortaleza, Brazil (approximately 5285 kilometers);
5. St. David's, Bermuda – Tuckerton, NJ (approximately 1370 kilometers);
6. Fortaleza, Brazil – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (approximately 3350 kilometers);
7. Fortaleza, Brazil – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (approximately 3270 kilometers); and
8. A branching unit to Barranquilla, Colombia (approximately 990 kilometers),

The system consists of advanced fiber optic cable technology combined with dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM) channel technology and initially provided 640 Gbps (4096 STM-1s) of fully-restored service capacity, or 1.28 Tbps of total capacity, but was expanded to provide an additional 1.92Tbit/s per fiber pair for the Colombia modification. The total designed system capacity is now 195250.0 Gbps.

Each segment has a design capacity of 1360 gigabits per second (Gbps), except for (1) the segment from St. David's, Bermuda to Tuckerson, New Jersey which has a design capacity of 1500 Gbps, (2) the branching unit connecting Barranquilla, Colombia to Boca Raton, Florida which has a design capacity of 1920 Gbps, and (3) the branching unit connecting Barranquilla, Colombia to Maiquetia, Venezuela which has a design capacity of 4000 Gbps.

Cable Landings.

The GlobeNet Cable System is a self-healing ring with landing points at the following locations: Tuckerton, New Jersey; Boca Raton, Florida; Maiquetia, Venezuela; Fortaleza, Brazil; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and St. David's, Bermuda. The GlobalNet Cable System has two interconnected rings, with the Primary Ring to connect Tuckerton, Boca Raton, Maiquetia, Fortaleza, and St. David's, and the Rio Ring to connect Fortaleza and Rio de Janeiro. The system also connects to Colombia by the insertion of a Branching Unit in 2012, consisting of two additional fiber pair submarine cable, diverting a segment of the system that connects Boca Raton, Florida and Maiquetia, Venezuela to Barranquilla, Colombia.

Ownership of the System.

The GlobeNet Cable System is owned and operated by GlobeNet and affiliates of GlobeNet that are owned by V.tal Rede Neutra de Telecomunicacoes S.A. (f/k/a Globenet Cabos Submarinos S.A) (V.tal), the indirect parent of GlobeNet.

The ownership of each segment is as follows below:

1. Tuckerton, NJ – Boca Raton, FL (GlobeNet);
2. Boca Raton, Fl – Maiquetia, Venezuela (GlobeNet; Globenet Cabos Submarinos Bermuda Ltd. (Globenet Bermuda));
3. Maiquetia, Venezuela – Fortaleza, Brazil (V.tal.; Globenet Bermuda.);
4. St. David's, Bermuda – Fortaleza, Brazil (Globenet Bermuda.; V.tal);
5. St. David's, Bermuda – Tuckerton, NJ (GlobeNet; Globenet Bermuda);
6. Fortaleza, Brazil – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (V.tal)
7. Fortaleza, Brazil – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (V.tal); and
8. A branching unit to Barranquilla, Colombia (Globenet Bermuda.).

GlobeNet states that neither Globenet Bermuda or V.tal will use the U.S. landing point of the system and thus are not required to be licensees on the GlobeNet Cable System under section 1.767(h)(2) of the Commission's rules. 47 CFR § 1.767(h)(2).

Regulatory Classification.

The GlobeNet Cable System is currently operated on a non-common carrier basis. The Applicant proposes to continue to operate the cable on a non-common carrier basis.

GlobeNet states that the system will not operate on a common carrier basis. It states that the capacity is used by GlobeNet and its affiliates to meet their own internal needs for bandwidth, or made available to third parties pursuant to individually negotiated indefeasible rights of use (IRUs), the terms of which vary depending on the characteristics and needs of the particular purchase. GlobeNet further states that the cable system does not present competitive or other public interest concerns as it competes with other existing systems providing capacity in the markets it services including: America Móvil Cable System (AMX1), Monet, BRUSA, Seabras, South American Crossing, CFX, and the Americas II Cable System.

Ownership of the Applicants.

GlobeNet Cabos Submarinos America, Inc. a Delaware entity, is wholly owned by GlobeNet Cabos Submarinos Bermuda Ltd., a Bermuda entity. In turn, GlobeNet Cabos Submarinos Bermuda Ltd. is owned by: Oi S.A. – Em Recuperação Judicial, an entity organized in Brazil (26.785% equity and voting); BTG Pactual InfraCo Master Fundo de Investimento em Participações Multiestratégia, an entity organized in Brazil (68.945% equity and voting); and the remaining 4.27% equity and voting interests are held by other shareholders.

BTG Pactual InfraCo Master Fundo de Investimento em Participações Multiestratégia is owned by: Warrington Investment Pte. Ltd, an entity organized in Singapore (15.35% equity and voting); Canada Pension Plan Investment Board Private Holdings (4) Inc., an entity organized in Canada (14.99% equity and voting); BTG Pactual Economia Real Infraco Fundo De Investimento Em Participações

Multiestrategia, an entity organized in Brazil (15.59% equity and voting); Fundo De Investimento Em Participações BPAC3 Multiestrategia, an entity organized in Brazil (33.08 equity and voting); and the remaining 30.1% is owned by other shareholders each of which hold less than 10% equity and voting interests.

Warrington Investment Pte. Ltd is wholly owned by GIC Infra Holdings Pte. Ltd., which in turn is wholly owned by GIC (Ventures) Pte. Ltd., both a Singapore entity. GIC (Ventures) Pte. Ltd. is wholly owned by the Singapore Ministry of Finance.

The Canada Pension Plan Investment Board Private Holdings (4) Inc. is wholly owned by the Government of Canada.

Conditions and Requirements.

GlobeNet certifies that it accepts and will abide by the routine conditions specified in Section 1.767(g) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.767(g).

Executive Branch Review.

The Applicant requests that the Commission exercises its discretion and not refer the application to the Executive Branch for national security, law enforcement, foreign policy and trade policy review. The Applicant states that this is not a new submarine cable and is subject to ongoing Committee oversight pursuant to the 2022 GlobeNet LOA. The Applicant states that it is "committed to continuing to comply with its obligations under [the 2022 GlobeNet] LOA once the GlobeNet Cable System landing license is renewed."

We are exercising our discretion and are not referring this application to the Executive Branch for national security, law enforcement, foreign policy and trade policy review. We find that this application presents a low or minimal risk to national security, law enforcement, foreign policy, and trade policy. Unlike most cable landing license applications, this application involves an existing facility with a mitigation agreement specific to the cable system and that was agreed to in 2022. The application does not propose any changes to the cable system since the LOA was entered into and there have been no substantive changes in the foreign ownership since the LOA was entered into by the relevant parties. Finally, the Applicant requested that the Commission condition grant of the application on its continued compliance with the LOA. Consequently, we agree with the Applicant and will not refer this application to the Executive Branch for national security, law enforcement, foreign policy, and trade policy review. Although we are not referring this application, we will provide a courtesy copy of this public notice to the Executive Branch agencies. *See* Executive Branch Review Process Order, 35 FCC Rcd 10927, 10941, para. 36, n.99; *see also id.* at 10957, para 81, n.205.

REMINDERS:

Applicants must certify that neither the applicant nor any party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits by federal and/or state courts under authority granted in 21 U.S.C. § 862. *See* C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-1.2003.

By this notice, we inform the public that submarine cable landing license applications that are part of larger transactions involving multiple Commission licenses or authorizations may involve "extraordinary

circumstances" as referenced in Review of Commission Consideration of Applications under the Submarine Cable Landing License Act, Report and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 22167 (2001) and Rules and Policies on Foreign Participation in the U.S. Telecommunications Market, Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, 12 FCC Rcd 23891 (1997), paras. 327-28, Order on Reconsideration, 15 FCC Rcd 18158 (2000). Additionally, extraordinary circumstances result where Executive Branch agencies petition the Commission to defer action on an application pending the resolution of potential national security, law enforcement, foreign policy and trade policy issues. Accordingly, these applications may be removed from streamlined processing and may not be acted on within the 90-day review period that the Commission has established as the period of time normally required to reach a decision on non-streamlined submarine cable landing licenses. This notice shall serve as public notice to applicants that, in these circumstances, additional time may be required for Commission review and final action. No additional formal public notice will be provided routinely with respect to specific applications in the event that the applicable review period extends beyond 90 days.