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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN SUBMARINE CABLE LICENSE RULES AND COMMENT DATES FOR FURTHER NOTICE

OI Docket No. 24-523, MD Docket No. 24-524

Comment Deadline: November 26, 2025

Reply Comment Deadline: December 26, 2025

On August 7, 2025, the Federal Communications Commission adopted the *Submarine Cable Landing License Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Submarine Cable Report and Order and Further Notice)*.¹ The *Report and Order* adopts new rules to streamline submarine cable application review, protect submarine cables against national security risks from foreign adversaries, and incentivize cable buildout.² The *Further Notice* proposes and seeks comment on various additional measures to protect submarine cable security against foreign adversary equipment and services, while incentivizing the use of American submarine cable repair and maintenance ships and the use of trusted technology abroad.³

Submarine Cable Rules. The *Submarine Cable Report and Order*⁴ and *Further Notice*⁵ were published in the Federal Register on October 27, 2025. As set forth in the Federal Register summary for the *Submarine Cable Report and Order*,⁶ the following rules will be effective on November 26, 2025:

¹ *Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Rules and Procedures to Assess Evolving National Security, Law Enforcement, Foreign Policy, and Trade Policy Risks; Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth in Sections 1.1102 through 1.1109 of the Commission's Rules*, OI Docket No. 24-523, MD Docket No. 24-524, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 25-49 (rel. Aug. 13, 2025) (*Submarine Cable Report and Order and Further Notice*); corrected by Erratum, <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-414544A1.pdf> (OIA and OMD, rel. Sep. 16, 2025); corrected by Second Erratum, <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-415107A1.pdf> (OIA and OMD, rel. Oct. 24, 2025).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ Federal Communications Commission, Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Rules and Procedures to Assess Evolving National Security, Law Enforcement, Foreign Policy, and Trade Policy Risks, Final Rule, 90 Fed. Reg. 48648 (Oct. 27, 2025) (to be codified at 47 CFR pts. 0, 1, and 43) (Report and Order Federal Register Summary).

⁵ Federal Communications Commission, Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Rules and Procedures to Assess Evolving National Security, Law Enforcement, Foreign Policy, and Trade Policy Risks, Proposed Rule, 90 Fed. Reg. 48557 (Oct. 27, 2025) (Further Notice Federal Register Summary).

⁶ See *Report and Order Federal Register Summary*, 90 Fed. Reg. at 48689; see also *Submarine Cable Report and Order and Further Notice* at 144, para. 335.

- § 0.351(a)(9) – Authority delegated.
- § 0.457(c)(1)(iv) – Records not routinely available for public inspection.
- § 1.70000 – Purpose.
- § 1.70001 – Definitions.
- § 1.70002(a), (c)-(d) – General requirements.
- § 1.70004 – Additional presumptive disqualifying conditions.
- § 1.70007(a)-(e), (i)-(k), (n)-(p), (r), (u), (w) – Routine conditions.
- § 1.70010 – Amendment of applications.
- § 1.70014 – Processing of applications
- § 1.70015 – Quarterly reports.
- § 1.70016(a), (b)(1) – Eligibility for streamlining.
- § 1.70021 – Electronic filing.
- § 1.70022 Action on applications, revocation, and termination.

Compliance with the remaining rules adopted or modified in the *Submarine Cable Report and Order*, which may contain new or modified information collection requirements, and with the one-time information collection, will not be required until the completion of the review of any information collections by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act.⁷ The Office of International Affairs will announce the effective date for those rules and the one-time information collection by notice in the Federal Register and by subsequent public notice.

Further Notice Comments and Reply Comments. The Commission set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of the *Further Notice* in the Federal Register.⁸ A summary of the *Further Notice* was published in the Federal Register on October 27, 2025.⁹ Accordingly, comments must be filed on or before November 26, 2025, and reply comments must be filed on or before December 26, 2025.¹⁰ The *Further Notice* contains the comment filing instructions.¹¹

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⁷ See *Submarine Cable Report and Order and Further Notice* at 144-45, paras. 335-37.

⁸ See *id.* at 1, 143, para. 329 (filing requirements-comments and replies).

⁹ See *Further Notice Federal Register Summary*, 90 Fed. Reg. at 48557.

¹⁰ See *id.*

¹¹ See *Submarine Cable Report and Order and Further Notice* at 143, para. 329 (filing requirements-comments and replies).