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Non-Streamlined Submarine Cable Landing License Applications
Accepted For Filing

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. 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. These applications are not subject to the streamlined processing procedures set forth in Section 1.767 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.767. Pursuant to section 1.1910(b)(2) of the rules, action will be withheld on any application by any entity found to be delinquent in its debts to the Commission. Applicants should check the Red Light Display System's website at www.fcc.gov/redlight to determine if they are delinquent in a debt to the Commission and for information on how to pay the debt. 47 CFR § 1.1910(b)(2).

Unless otherwise specified, filings relating to these applications must be received within 14 days of this notice. 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 CFR § 1.1206. 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.

These applications are being coordinated with the Department of State and other Executive Branch agencies pursuant to section 1.767(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 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); Commission Announces Department of State's Revised Procedures for its Consideration of Submarine Cable Landing License Applications, IB Docket No. 16-155, Public Notice, DA 22-435 (rel. Apr. 19, 2022).

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 ninety (90) days after release of this public notice, unless it determines that additional time is needed.

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INFORMATIVE:

SCL-T/C-20250411-00012

GI DI Fortress SpinCo LLC

Date filed: 2025-04-11

Transfer of Control

On November 17, 2025, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, on behalf of the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector (Committee), filed a letter stating that The Committee has reviewed the application and has no recommendation at this time to the Commission approving the application and no objection to the Commission granting it.

On November 24, 2025, the Commission referred the application to the Department of State (State) pursuant to the Submarine Cable Landing License Act of 1921 and Executive Order No. 10530. 47 U.S.C. §§ 34-39, Executive Order No. 10530 (reprinted as amended in 3 U.S.C. § 301). That began the 10-day State review process set out in the letter from the Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs to the Chairwoman, Federal Communications Commission (Feb. 23, 2022). *See Commission Announces Department of State's Revised Procedures for its Consideration of Submarine Cable Landing License Applications*, IB Docket No. 16-155, Public Notice, 37 FCC Rcd 5183 (2022).

SCL-LIC-20241224-00052 S250403

Edge Cable Holdings USA, LLC

Date filed: 2024-12-24

Submarine Cable Landing License

On September 26, 2025, the Chair of Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector (Committee) notified the Commission that the Committee granted the Applicant an extension and thus is extending its initial review period for the application for the ORCA cable system to conclude on or before October 13, 2025, pursuant to Executive Order 13913 (85 Fed Reg 19643 (April 8, 2020)).

SCL-LIC-20240725-00034 S250409 Verizon Business Global LLC dba Verizon
Date filed: 2024-07-25 Business
Submarine Cable Landing License

On September 26, 2025, the Chair of the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector (Committee) notified the Commission that the Committee is conducting an initial review of the application filed by Verizon Business Global LLC dba Verizon Business for a license to land and operate the CHI cable system to assess whether grant of the application will pose a risk to the national security or law enforcement interests of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 13913 (85 Fed Reg 19643 (April 8, 2020)). The Committee shall complete its review of the application before the end of the 120-day initial review period, unless the Committee notifies the Commission of an extension of the 120-day initial review period or the need arises to conduct a 90-day secondary assessment.

SCL-T/C-20250325-00007 Aqua Comms (Americas) Inc
Date filed: 2025-03-25
Transfer of Control

On November 20, 2025, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, on behalf of the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector (Committee), filed a Petition to Adopt Conditions to Authorization and License regarding the applications for the transfer of control of Aqua Comms (Americas) Inc. and America Europe Connect 2 USA Inc. The Committee has no objection to the Commission granting the applications provided that the Commission conditions its approval on the assurances of EXA Infrastructure UK Limited (EXA Infrastructure UK) to abide by the commitments and undertakings set forth in the September 2, 2019, Letter of Agreement (LOA), the January 5, 2021, LOA and the April 1, 2021, LOA, and the September 22, 2025, Commitment Letter.

On November 21, 2025, the Commission referred the applications to the Department of State (State) pursuant to the Submarine Cable Landing License Act of 1921 and Executive Order No. 10530. 47 U.S.C. §§ 34-39, Executive Order No. 10530 (reprinted as amended in 3 U.S.C. § 301). That began the 10-day State review process set out in the letter from the Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs to the Chairwoman, Federal Communications Commission (Feb. 23, 2022). *See* Commission Announces Department of State's Revised Procedures for its Consideration of Submarine Cable Landing License Applications, IB Docket No. 16-155, Public Notice, 37 FCC Rcd 5183 (2022).

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REMINDER:

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* 47 CFR §§ 1.2001-.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 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