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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 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.

INFORMATIVE:

SCL-RWL-20251124-00078 S250442 EXA Infrastructure US LLC
Date filed: 2025-11-25
Renewal

On March 16, 2026, the Commission referred the application to renew the cable landing license for the EXA North and South system for a new 25-year term 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 30-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-MOD-20250930-00070 S250399 Quintillion Subsea Operations, LLC
Date filed: 2025-09-30
Modification

On February 17, 2025, the Commission referred the application filed by Quintillion Subsea Operations, LLC, as amended, to modify the cable landing license for the Quintillion Submarine Cable System 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 30-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-20250910-00044 S250488

Starfish Infrastructure Inc.

Date filed: 2025-09-11

Submarine Cable Landing License

On February 13, 2026, we released a Public Notice seeking comment on the application filed by Starfish Infrastructure Inc. (Starfish) for a license to construct, land, and operate the Sol cable system, a non-common carrier fiber-optic submarine cable system that will connect the United States to Bermuda, the Azores, and Spain. *See* Streamlined Submarine Cable Landing License Applications Accepted for Filing, SCL-LIC-20250910-00044, Report No. SCL-00595S, Public Notice, DA 26-155 (OIA rel. Feb. 13, 2026). On February 24, 2026, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) requested a two-week extension of the comment date due to the lapse of funding for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. *See* Letter from Christopher R. Clements, Deputy Chief, Telecom and Supply Chain Foreign Investment Review Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, filed in SCL-LIC-20250910-00044 (dated Feb. 24, 2026). On February 27, 2026, we granted the DOJ request and extended the comment date for SCL-LIC-20250910-00044 to March 13, 2026.

On March 12, 2026, DOJ filed a second request for a two-week extension of the comment date due to the lapse of funding for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. *See* Letter from Christopher R. Clements, Deputy Chief, Telecom and Supply Chain Foreign Investment Review Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, filed in SCL-LIC-20250910-00044 (dated Mar. 12, 2026).

We grant the DOJ request and extend the comment date for SCL-LIC-20250910-00044 to March 27, 2026.

SCL-AMD-20260105-00004 S250399

Quintillion Subsea Operations, LLC

Date filed: 2026-01-06

Amendment

See discussion of ICFS File No. SCL-MOD-20250930-00070 in this Public Notice.

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.