



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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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.

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See discussion of ICFS No. SCL-LIC-20250807-00021 (American Samoa Telecommunications Authority) in this Public Notice.

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**SCL-LIC-20250807-00021** S260016 American Samoa Telecommunications Authority  
**Date filed:** 2026-02-13  
Submarine Cable Landing License

On February 13, 2026, the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA) filed an application for a license to construct, land, and operate the Le Vasa cable system, a non-common carrier fiber-optic submarine cable system that will connect Tafuna, American Samoa, to the Bulikula submarine cable system. ASTCA filed an amendment on March 13, 2026 (SCL-AMD-20260309-00029).

#### Cable System Design and Capacity.

The Le Vasa cable system will consist of one segment connecting a cable landing station in Tafuna, American Samoa with a branching unit (BU) on the Bulikula system, Branching Unit 1A (BU 1A). Le Vasa will have four (4) fiber pairs and ASTCA expects the cable system to have an initial capacity of 12 terabits per second (Tbps). ASTCA plans to commence service on Le Vasa during the first calendar quarter of 2027.

The Commission granted Starfish Infrastructure Inc. (Starfish) a license for the Bulikula system, a non-common carrier fiber-optic submarine cable system that will connect Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and Hawaii to Fiji and French Polynesia. SCL-LIC-20241115-00046, Actions Taken Under Submarine Cable Landing License Act, Report No. SCL-00594, Public Notice, DA 26-121 (OIA Feb. 5, 2026). The Bulikula license includes BU 1A which Starfish noted would be used to connect Bulikula to a separately owned cable system connecting the American Samoa, the Le Vasa system. *See id.*

#### Ownership of the Cable System.

ASTCA will own and operate the Le Vasa cable system as the sole owner.

ASTCA has contracted with Google LLC (Google) to have the Le Vasa cable system constructed on ASTCA's behalf by Starfish, a wholly owned subsidiary of Google. ASTCA will construct the cable landing station and beach joint in Tafuna, American Samoa. Once construction is complete, ASTCA will own and operate the Le Vasa cable system.

ASTCA states that Starfish will own and operate BU 1A of the Bulikula system to which the Le Vasa cable system will connect. ASTCA states that because Starfish does not have a 5% or greater interest in the Le Vasa system and will not use the U.S. endpoint of the Le Vasa system, Starfish is not required by section 1.767(h)(2) to be an applicant for the cable landing license. 47 CFR § 1.767(h)(2). Further, to the extent needed, ASTCA requests a waiver of section 1.767(h)(1) so that neither Starfish or Google need to be a joint applicant for the Le Vasa cable system license. 47 CFR § 1.767(h)(1). ASTCA states that pursuant to its agreement with Google and Starfish, ASTCA will own and operate the Le Vasa cable

system once construction is complete.

#### Ownership of Landing Stations.

The Tafuna, American Samoa landing station will be owned solely by ASTCA. Google, through Starfish, will own BU 1A on the Bulikula system in the Pacific Ocean to which the Le Vasa cable system will connect.

#### Regulatory Status.

ASTCA proposes to operate the Le Vasa cable system on a non-common carrier basis. ATSCA states that it will use the cable system to serve ASTCA's own internal business connectivity needs. ASTCA further states that it may offer capacity to wholesale and enterprise customers pursuant to individually negotiated indefeasible rights of use (IRUs) and capacity leases, the terms of which will vary depending on the particular purchaser's characteristics and needs.

The Le Vasa cable system will enable ASTCA to compete with other service providers in American Samoa by increasing broadband capacity on the island. The Le Vasa cable system will also provide additional redundancy, thereby reducing the risk of broadband outages, creating a more reliable network, and further enhancing ASTCA's ability to compete.

#### Ownership of ASTCA.

ASTCA is a semiautonomous agency of the American Samoa Government and is wholly owned by the American Samoa Government. ASTCA has no interlocking directorates.

#### Conditions.

ASTCA agrees to accept and will abide by the routine conditions specified in section 1.767(g) and 1.70007 of the Commission's rules. 47 CFR §§ 1.767(g), 1.70007.

**INFORMATIVE:**

**SCL-T/C-20250821-00032**

GCI Liberty, Inc.

**Date filed:** 2025-09-08

Transfer of Control

On March 20, 2026, the Commission referred the application filed by Unicom, Inc. to transfer control of the cable landing license for the Alaska United West and Airraq submarine cables, from GCI Liberty, Inc. to John C. Malone (SCL-T/C-20250821-00032 as amended (SCL-AMD-20260107-00008) , 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). The 30-day review period ends on April 20, 2026.

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**SCL-T/C-20250821-00030**

GCI Liberty, Inc.

**Date filed:** 2025-09-08

Transfer of Control

On March 20, 2026, the Commission referred the application filed by GCI Communication Corp. to transfer control of the cable landing licenses for the Alaska United Southeast, AU-Aleutians, Alaska United East, Cook Inlet Segment of TERRA-SW submarine cables, from GCI Liberty, Inc. to John C. Malone (SCL-T/C-20250821-00030 as amended by SCL-AMD-20260107-00006), 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). The 30-day review period ends on April 20, 2026.

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**SCL-STA-20260313-00032** S260020

Edge Cable Holdings USA, LLC

**Date filed:** 2026-03-13

Special Temporary Authority

On March 13, 2026, Edge Cable Holdings USA, LLC (Edge USA), filed a request for special temporary authority (STA) to construct, connect, and test at their own risk those portions of the ORCA system in U.S. territory prior to the Commission's grant of the pending cable license (SCL-LIC-20241224-00052). Edge USA acknowledges that grant of the STA does not prejudice action by the Commission on the underlying application. Edge USA further acknowledges that grant of the STA is subject to revocation/cancellation or modification by the Commission on its own motion without a hearing.

Interested parties may file comments on or before April 10, 2026.

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**SCL-AMD-20260107-00006** S260007 GCI Liberty, Inc.  
**Date filed:** 2026-01-23  
Amendment

See discussion of ICFS File No. SCL-T/C-20250821-00030 (GCI Communication Corp.) in this Public Notice.

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**SCL-T/C-20250821-00033** GCI Liberty, Inc.  
**Date filed:** 2025-09-08  
Transfer of Control

On March 20, 2026, the Commission referred the application filed by United Utilities, Inc. to transfer control of the cable landing license for the Cook Inlet Segment of TERRA-SW submarine cable, from GCI Liberty, Inc. to John C. Malone (SCL-T/C-20250821-00033 as amended (SCL-AMD-20260107-00009), 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). The 30-day review period ends on April 20, 2026.

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**SCL-AMD-20260107-00009** S260010 GCI Liberty, Inc.  
**Date filed:** 2026-01-23  
Amendment

See discussion of ICFS File No. SCL-T/C-20250821-00033 (United Utilities, Inc.) in this Public Notice.

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**SCL-T/C-20250821-00031**

GCI Liberty, Inc.

**Date filed:** 2025-09-08

Transfer of Control

On March 20, 2026, the Commission referred the application filed by Kodiak Kenai Fiber Link, Inc. to transfer control of the cable landing license for the Kodiak Kenai Fiber Link, from GCI Liberty, Inc. to John C. Malone (SCL-T/C-20250821-00031, as amended by SCL-AMD-20260107-00007), 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). The 30-day review period ends on April 20, 2026.

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**SCL-AMD-20260107-00007** S260008

GCI Liberty, Inc.

**Date filed:** 2026-01-23

Amendment

See discussion of ICFS File No. SCL-T/C-20250821-00031 (Kodiak Kenai Fiber Link, Inc.) in this Public Notice.

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**SCL-AMD-20260107-00008** S260009

GCI Liberty, Inc.

**Date filed:** 2026-01-23

Amendment

See discussion of ICFS File No. SCL-T/C-20250821-00032 (Unicom, Inc.) in this Public Notice.

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**SCL-MOD-20250930-00070** S250399 Quintillion Subsea Operations, LLC  
**Date filed:** 2025-09-30  
Modification

The date the Commission referred the application to the Department of State was listed as February 17, 2025 in the Public Notice released on March 19, 2026 (DA 26-260); it is revised to show the correct date of February 17, 2026.

The corrected version reads as follows:

SCL-MOD-20250930-00070 Quintillion Subsea Operations, LLC

On February 17, 2026, 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).

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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 (DHS). *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 request for a further two-week extension of the comment date due to the lapse of funding for DHS. *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-LIC20250910-00044 (dated Mar. 12, 2026). On March 19, 2026, we granted the DOJ request and extended the comment date for SCL-LIC-20250910-00044 to March 27, 2026.

On March 26, 2026, DOJ filed another request for a further two-week extension of the comment date due to the lapse of funding for DHS. *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-LIC20250910-00044 (dated Mar. 26, 2026). We grant the DOJ request and extend the comment date for SCL-LIC-20250910-00044 to April 10, 2026.

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#### 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.