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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-LIC-20250807-00021 S26001 American Samoa Telecommunications Authority

Date filed: 2026-02-13

Submarine Cable Landing License

On March 27, 2026, we released a Public Notice seeking comment on the application filed by American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA) 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 cable system in the Pacific Ocean. *See* Streamlined Submarine Cable Landing License Applications Accepted for Filing, SCL-LIC-20250807-00021, Report No. SCL-00600S, Public Notice, DA 26-296 (OIA rel. Mar. 27, 2026). On April 10, 2026, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) requested a three-week extension of the comment date due to the lapse of funding for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. *See* Letter from Christine M. Quinn, Attorney Advisor, Telecommunications and Supply Chain Foreign Investment Review Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice to Marlene H. Dortch, FCC, filed in SCL-LIC-20250807-00021 (dated April 10, 2026).

We grant the DOJ request and extend the comment date for SCL-LIC-20250807-00021 to May 1, 2026.

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.