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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-STA-20260202-00018 S260013 AT&T Enterprises, LLC
Date filed: 2026-02-02
Special Temporary Authority

On April 9, 2026, AT&T Enterprises, LLC (AT&T Enterprises), Cable & Wireless Puerto Rico, Inc., and TI Sparkle Puerto Rico LLC (together, Applicants) filed a request for special temporary authority (STA) to allow the continued operation of the U.S. Virgin Islands to Puerto Rico segment (the “West Segment”) of the Americas-II submarine cable system (SCL-LIC19980429-00019, SCL-MOD-20191202- 00038) while their application for renewal and modification (SCL-RWL-20260327-00046) of the Americas-II cable landing license is pending before the Commission. The license for Americas-II expired on August 30, 2025. At that time, all of the segments of the Americas-II cable system other than the West Segment were retired and all current licensees other than AT&T Enterprises relinquished 100% of their interest in the Americas-II cable system.

We granted AT&T Enterprises STAs on August 27, 2025 and March 4, 2026 to continue operation of the West Segment until the Commission can act on a forthcoming application for a new cable landing license for its operation. *See* SCL-STA-20250821-00029, Actions Taken Under Submarine Cable Landing License Act, Report No. SCL-00573, Public Notice, DA 25-770 (OIA Aug. 28, 2025); SCL-STA-20260202-00018, Actions Taken Under Submarine Cable Landing License Act, Report No. SCL-00598, Public Notice, DA 26-220 (OIA Mar. 5, 2026).

Applicants acknowledge that the grant of the STA does not prejudice action by the Commission on the pending application. Further, Applicants acknowledge that the Commission upon its own motion without a hearing can modify, revoke or cancel the STA. Applicants also acknowledge the STA will expire automatically on the date the Commission takes action on the renewal application unless a timely and complete application for extension of the STA is sought.

Interested parties may file comments on or before May 22, 2026.

Action on this STA is without prejudice to any enforcement action by the Commission for non-compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the Cable Landing License Act of 1921 or the Commission’s rules.

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