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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 cable landing licensee; (b) the modification of a 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 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. Filings relating to this application must be received 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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Assignment

Current Licensee: Sprint Communications Co., LP

FROM: Sprint Communications Co., LP

TO: Atlantic Teleconnection Operating Company Limited

Application filed for consent to the assignment of the interest in the cable landing license for the Americas I cable system (Americas I cable system), SCL-LIC-19921101-00011, held by Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint), to Atlantic Teleconnection Operating Company Limited (ATOC). The Americas I cable system extends between Florida and the United States Virgin Islands (USVI). ATOC filed supplemental letters on March 15 and March 21, 2019, clarifying ownership interests and voting interests, and certifying compliance with the Americas-I cable landing license conditions, respectively.

Sprint currently holds a 6.95388% interest in the Florida-Caribbean segment of the Americas I cable and ATOC, a British Virgin Islands company, currently holds an approximately 0.70% interest in the cable system. Under a Purchase Agreement between ATOC and Sprint, ATOC has agreed to purchase Sprint's interest in the cable, resulting in ATOC owning approximately 7.65% of the Americas I cable system.

The following individuals and entities have a 10% or greater direct or indirect ownership and voting interest in ATOC: (1) Atlantic Teleconnection Holdings Company Limited (ATHC), a British Virgin Islands company (100% of ATOC); (2) GTT International Service SRL (GTT SRL), a Barbados company (100% of ATHC); (3) Guyana Telephone & Telegraph Company Ltd (GTT), a Guyana company (100% of GTT SRL); (4) Hong Kong Golden Telecom Company Limited (HKGT), a Hong Kong company (20% of GTT); (5) ATN International, Inc. (ATNI), a U.S. company (80% of GTT); (6) Blackrock, Inc. (10.2% of ATNI), and (7) Mr. Cornelius B. Prior Jr., a U.S. citizen (27.4% of ATNI). No other person or entity owns a ten percent or greater interest, directly or indirectly, in ATOC.

ATOC agrees to abide by the conditions set out in the cable landing license the Americas I cable system. American Telephone and Telegraph Company, et al. Joint Application for a License to Land and Operate a High Capacity Digital Submarine Cable System Between and Among the United States Mainland, U.S. Virgin Islands, Brazil, Trinidad and Venezuela, File No. SCL-93-002, Cable Landing License, 8 FCC Rcd 5041 (CCB 1993).

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 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 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.