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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 license; (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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SCL-MOD-20191202-00038 E AT&T Mobility Puerto Rico Inc.

Modification

Application for consent to modify the cable landing license for the Americas-II cable system, SCL-LIC-19980429-00019 (Old File No. SCL-98-003), to remove AT&T Mobility Puerto Rico Inc. (AMPR) as a licensee pursuant to Section 1.767(m)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.767(m)(2). Americas-II connects Florida, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Martinique, Curacao, Trinidad, Venezuela, French Guiana, and Brazil and is operated on a common carrier basis.

AMPR states that it no longer holds any interest in Americas-II. It explains that although it held two percent voting and ownership interests in Americas-II, on October 4, 2013 it conveyed its rights and obligations under the Americas-II Cable System Construction and Maintenance Agreement to AT&T Corp., its affiliate company. Both AMPR and AT&T Corp. (a co-licensee on the Americas-II submarine cable license and owner of one of the U.S. landing stations) are wholly owned by AT&T Inc.

AT&T Inc. has agreed to sell AMPR to Liberty Latin America Ltd. See Liberty Latin America Ltd. And AT&T Inc. Seek FCC Consent To The Transfer Of Control Of The Licenses, Authorizations, And Spectrum Lease Held By AT&T Mobility Puerto Rico Inc. And AT&T Mobility USVI Inc. To Liberty Latin America Ltd., WT Docket No. 19-384, Pleading Cycle Established, Public Notice, 34 FCC Rcd 12502 (WTB/WCB/IB 2019). Since AMPR will not be affiliated with AT&T Corp. once that transaction closes, AMPR has decided to relinquish its interest in the Americas-II license. AMPR has also filed an application to be removed from the international section 214 authorization for overseas cable construction for the Americas-II cable, ITC-214-19980430-00923. See ITC-MOD-20200221-00034. AMPR states that it served copies of this modification application on the other Americas-II submarine cable licensees as required by 47 C.F.R. § 1.767(m)(2).

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.