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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. 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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INFORMATIVE

SCL-STA-20210308-00015

GU Holdings Inc.

Request for special temporary authority (STA) filed by GU Holdings Inc. to allow the continued commercial operation of the portion of the Pacific Light Cable Network (PLCN) connecting the United States and Taiwan while the Commission considers the application for a cable landing license for the cable, SCL-LIC-20200827-00038. On April 8, 2020, the Commission granted GU Holdings special temporary authority to operate the PLCN cable system on a commercial basis between the United States and Taiwan, conditioned on GU Holdings abiding by the commitments and undertakings contained in the April 7, 2020 Provisional National Security Agreement for an STA between GU Holdings, and the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense (April 7, 2020 Provisional NSA). See SCL-STA-20200402-00015. On September 22, 2020, the Commission granted an extension of that special temporary authority conditioned on GU Holdings abiding by the commitments and undertakings April 7, 2020 Provisional NSA and the September 18, 2020 Extension of Provisional National Security Agreement for Requested Special Temporary Authority. See SCL-STA-20200827-00037. GU Holdings seeks the same special temporary authority that the Commission granted on September 22, 2020.

Interested parties may file comments on or before March 19, 2021.

SCL-STA-20210308-00016

GU Holdings Inc.

Request for special temporary authority (STA) filed by GU Holdings Inc. and Edge Cable Holdings USA, LLC to allow the continued construction and testing of the Pacific Light Cable Network while the Commission considers the application for a cable landing license for the cable, SCL-LIC-20200827-00038.

Interested parties may file comments on or before March 19, 2021.

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.