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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 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. 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.

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.

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); Streamlined Procedures for Executive Branch Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Requests, State Department Media Note (Revised) (rel. Dec. 20, 2001) available at <http://2001-2009.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2001/6951.htm>.

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 ninety (90) days after release of this public notice, unless it determines that additional time is needed.

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**INFORMATIVE**

**SCL-LIC-20210329-00020**

Edge Cable Holdings USA, LLC

On December 9, 2021, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, on behalf of the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector (Committee), filed a Petition to Adopt Conditions to Authorization and License. The Committee has no objection to the Commission approving the application filed by Edge Cable Holdings USA, LLC and GU Holdings Inc. to land and operate a non-common carrier fiber-optic submarine cable system connecting California, Guam, Singapore and Indonesia, the Echo system, provided that the Commission conditions its approval on the assurances of Edge Cable Holdings USA, LLC and GU Holdings Inc. to abide by the commitments and undertakings set forth in the December 2, 2021 National Security Agreement between Edge Cable Holdings USA, LLC and GU Holdings Inc. on the one hand, and the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense, on the other hand.

On December 13, 2021, the Commission referred the application to the Department of State pursuant to the Submarine Cable Landing License Act of 1921 and Executive Order No. 10530. 47 U.S.C. §§ 34-39, Executive Order No. 10530 (reprinted as amended in 3 U.S.C. § 301). This begins the 30-day review process set out in the letter from the Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs to the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission (dated Dec. 3, 2001).

**SCL-MOD-20210928-00039**

ARCOS-1 USA, Inc.

On December 9, 2021, the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Service Sector (Committee) notified the Commission that it is reviewing the application to modify the cable landing license for the ARCOS-1 submarine cable system for any national security and law enforcement concerns and requests that the Commission defer action until it completes its review.

**SCL-T/C-20210831-00038**

Hawaiki Submarine Cable USA LLC

On December 14, 2021, the Chair of the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector (Committee) notified the Commission that the Committee is conducting an initial review of the application filed by Hawaiki Submarine Cable USA LLC to assess whether granting the application will pose a risk to the national security or law enforcement interests of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 13913 (85 Fed Reg 19643 (April 8, 2020)). The Committee shall complete its review of the application before the end of the 120-day initial review period, unless the Committee notifies the Commission of an extension of the 120-day initial review period or the need arises to conduct a 90-day secondary assessment.

**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 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 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.