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Non-Streamlined Submarine Cable Landing License Applications Accepted For Filing

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, an 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 and consistent with procedures established with the Department of State. 47 CFR § 1.767(b); 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 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. 47 CFR § 1.767.

People with Disabilities: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice). 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.

INFORMATIVE

SCL-STA-20240122-00002

Edge Cable Holdings USA, LLC

Edge Cable Holdings USA, LLC; AMCS LLC.; Keppel Midgard Holdings Pte Ltd; Keppel Midgard USA, Inc.; and PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia International (together, the "Applicants") request special temporary authority (STA) to construct, connect, and test at their own risk those portions of the Bifrost cable system in U.S. territory prior to the Commission's action of the pending cable landing license application for the Bifrost cable system (SCL-LIC-20221209-00036). The Applicants acknowledge that grant of the STA will not prejudice action by the Commission on the underlying application and that the STA is subject to cancellation or modification upon notice. Further, the Applicants acknowledge that such STA can be revoked by the Commission on its own motion without a hearing.

Interested parties may file comments on or before February 9, 2024.

SCL-STA-20240123-00003

Latam Telecommunications, L.L.C.

INFORMATIVE

LATAM Telecommunications, LLC and Puerto Rico Telephone Company, Inc. (together, the Applicants) have filed a request for Special Temporary Authority (STA) to continue operating the segment and associated landing points connecting Isla San Andrés, Colombia and Puerto Limón, Costa Rica to the América Móvil Submarine Cable System (AMX1 system) (SCL-LIC-20120330-00002) while the Commission considers an application for authority for that segment and landing points (SCL-MOD-20230915-00025). The Applicants acknowledge that grant of this STA request will not prejudice action by the Commission and that such STA is subject to cancellation or modification upon notice without a hearing. The Applicants further acknowledge that such STA can be revoked by the Commission on its own motion without a hearing.

Interested parties may file comments on or before February 9, 2024.

SCL-T/C-20230411-00010

Quintillion Subsea Operations, LLC

On January 22, 2024, 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 for the transfer of control of Quintillion Subsea Operations, LLC, provided that the Commission conditions its approval on the assurances of Quintillion Subsea Operations, LLC, Q Gateway Ultimate Holdings, LLC, and Grain Communications Opportunity Fund III, Master, L.P. (together, the Parties) to abide by the commitments and undertakings set forth in the January 9, 2024, National Security Agreement (NSA) by and between the Parties and the Committee, represented by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the U.S. Department of Defense.

On January 23, 2024, the Commission referred the application to the Department of State (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 10-day State review process set out in the letter from the Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs to the Chairwoman, Federal Communications Commission (dated Feb. 23, 2022).

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.