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Actions Taken Under Cable Landing License Act

Section 1.767(a) Cable Landing Licenses, Modifications, and Assignments or Transfers of Control of Interests in Cable Landing Licenses (47 C.F.R. § 1.767(a))

By the Chief, Telecommunications and Analysis Division, International Bureau:

Pursuant to An Act Relating to the Landing and Operation of Submarine Cables in the United States, 47 U.S.C. §§ 34-39 (Cable Landing License Act), Executive Order No. 10530, Exec. Ord. No. 10530 reprinted as amended in 3 U.S.C. § 301, and section 1.767 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.767, the following applications ARE GRANTED. These grants of authority are taken under section 0.261 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.261. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this public notice.

These applications have been coordinated with the Department of State and other Executive Branch agencies pursuant to section 1.767(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 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.

This public notice serves as each cable landing licensee's Cable Landing License, or modification thereto, pursuant to the Cable Landing License Act and sections 1.767 and 1.768 of the Commission's rules. Cable landing licensees should review carefully the terms and conditions of their licenses. Failure to comply with these terms and conditions or relevant Commission rules and policies could result in fines or forfeitures.
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 1 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 1 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).

This authorization is without prejudice to the Commission’s action in any other related pending proceedings.