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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-20200708-00025 E GCI Communication Corp.
Modification

Request filed by GCI Communication Corp. (GCICC) to modify the cable landing license for the Alaska United Southeast (AU-SE) cable system, SCL-LIC-20071023-00019, to relocate the geographic landing point in Wrangell, Alaska. AU-SE (previously known as the Southeast Alaska Fiber-Optic System (SEAK) and SEAFEAST System) in a non-common carrier fiber optic cable that was licensed in 2007 and connects the Alaska communities of Angoon, Hawk Inlet, Juneau, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Sitka and Wrangell with the Alaska United West System. See Actions Taken Under Cable Landing License Act, SCL-LIC-20071023-00019, Public Notice, 22 FCC Rcd. 21,422 (IB 2007). The cable entered commercial service on October 15, 2008.

Segment 1 of the AU-SE system connects Wrangell with Ketchikan. In Wrangell, Segment 1 shares a landing with Segment 2 of the AU-SE system, which connects Wrangell to Mitkof Island (also known as the Petersburg South landing). To enhance the geographic diversity of AU-SE landings and resilience of the AU-SE system, GCICC seeks to move the Segment 1 landing to a new geographic landing point south of its existing location. This relocation of the Segment 1 landing will entail the construction of a new beach manhole but will not alter the location of the existing cable landing station. This relocation will not have any impact on the landing of Segment 2 of the AU-SE system at the existing landing in Wrangell.

GCICC is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of GCI, LLC, both Alaska entities. GCI, LLC is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of GCI Liberty, Inc., a Delaware holding company. Dr. John C. Malone, a U.S. citizen, holds a 27.4-percent voting interest and a 4.0-percent equity interest in GCI Liberty. No other individual or entity holds a 10% or greater direct or indirect equity or voting interest in GCICC.

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.