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Re: Application for of Cable Landing License, File No. SCL-LIC-19981222-00032 and applications for transfer of control of entities holding Cable Landing Licenses, File Nos. ITC-T/C-1999090130-00119 and SCL-T/C-19990210-00003.

Dear Mr. Lett:

We have received three applications, one requesting a Cable landing License and two requesting consent to transfer control of entities holding Cable landing licenses. The first application (Foile No. SCL-LIC-19981222-00032), filed by ARCOS-1 USA, Inc., requests authority to land and operate in the United States a private fiber optic submarine cable system extending among Florida, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, the Tucks and Caicos Islands, the Dominican Republic, Curacao, Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Belize and Mexico (the Americas Region Caribbean Ring System (ARCOS-1)). The second application (File No. ITC-T/C-19990130-00119), filed by PCI Communications, Inc. (PCI) and Startec Global Communications Corporation (STARTEC), requests consent to transfer control of PCI, an entity holding ownership interests in submarine cables¹, to STARTEC. The third application (File No. SCL-T/C-19990210-00003), filed by TeleBermuda International, L.L.C., requests consent to a transfer of control to its affiliate, TeleBermuda International Limited, which will be the new holder of the Cable Landing License for the BUS-1 cable between Tuckerton, New Jersey and Lands End, Bermuda.

The applications have been filed pursuant to the provisions of the Cable Landing License Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 34-39; Section 1.767 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 1.767); and Executive Order No. 10530 (dated May 10, 1954), delegating to the Commission presidential functions relating to submarine cable landing licenses. Copies of the applications are enclosed.

¹ File Nos. SCL-92-005(M) et al, rel. June 21, 1996 (TPC-5 cable); SCL-98-002, rel. Aug. 28, 1998 (China-US cable); and SCL-98-004, rel. Dec. 15, 1998 (Guam-Philippines cable).