

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)
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MFS Globenet, Inc.,)
Assignor) File No. SCL-_____)
(FRN: 0007074818))
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and)
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MCI International, LLC)
Assignee)
(FRN: 0029611795))
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Notification of *Pro Forma* Assignment of Cable)
Landing Licenses)

To: Chief, International Bureau

**NOTIFICATION OF *PRO FORMA* ASSIGNMENT OF
CABLE LANDING LICENSES**

Pursuant to an Act Relating to the Landing and Operation of Submarine Cables in the United States, 47 U.S.C. §§ 34-39, and Section 1.767 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.767, Verizon Communications Inc. (“Verizon”), on behalf of its wholly-owned indirect subsidiaries MFS Globenet, Inc. (“MFS Globenet”) and MCI International, LLC (“MCI International”), notifies the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission” or “FCC”) of the *pro forma* assignment of MFS Globenet’s interests in the CB-1 Cable System (File No. SCL-LIC-20080603-00011), the Gemini Bermuda System (File No. SCL-LIC-20070925-00017), and the Southern Cross Cable Network (SCL-LIC-19971014-00009, SCL-MOD-20020430-00045),

to MCI International in connection with an internal restructuring.¹ Verizon, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, owns and operates the U.S. landing stations and 100 percent of the U.S. segments of the CB-1 Cable System and Gemini Bermuda System. With regard to the Southern Cross Cable Network, MCI International operates the U.S. cable landing stations in Morro Bay, California and Nedonna Beach, Oregon, 100 percent of the territorial U.S. segment of the cable network, and holds 10.01 percent indirect ownership of the cable network.

Description of Transaction and Public Interest Statement

Verizon effectuated an internal restructuring involving certain indirect subsidiaries of Verizon on December 31, 2020. The restructuring included in relevant part the merger of MFS Globenet into its direct parent company MCI International, which resulted in the *pro forma* assignment of MFS Globenet's interests in the CB-1 Cable System, Gemini Bermuda System, and Southern Cross Cable Network to MCI International. Verizon, both before and after the restructuring, indirectly controlled these cable interests. Attachment 1 includes pre- and post-closing ownership charts reflecting the *pro forma* transaction described above.²

Because the internal restructuring did not change the ultimate control of any license or licensee – which remains with Verizon post-closing – the transaction described above is *pro forma* in nature.³ The Commission has stated that, in situations “where no substantial change of

¹ These cable systems qualify for the Commission's post-closing notification procedures. *See Review of Commission Consideration of Applications Under Cable Landing License Act*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 22167, 22199, ¶ 61 (2001) (“SCL Order”); *Actions Taken Under Cable Landing License Act*, Public Notice, DA No. 02-1570, File No. SCL-MOD-20020430-00045, (July 3, 2002) (adding the *pro forma* condition in 47 C.F.R. § 1.767(g)(7) to the Southern Cross Cable Network).

² The licenses referenced in this filing are intended to be complete and include all licenses affected by this transaction. Verizon, however, requests that FCC approval of the *pro forma* transfer or assignment applications include any licensees and licenses that may have been inadvertently omitted or are in pending status.

³ *Communications Bar Ass'n's Petition for Forbearance from Section 310(d) of the Communications Act Regarding Non-Substantial Assignments of Wireless Licenses & Transfers of Control Involving Telecomms. Carriers*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 13 FCC Rcd. 6293, 6299, ¶ 8 (1998)

control will result from the transfer or assignment, grant of the application is deemed presumptively in the public interest.”⁴

The information required pursuant to Section 1.767 of the Commission’s rules is set forth below.

Assignor/Assignee Information in Response to Section 1.767(a)(1)-(3)

All communications in connection with this application should be directed to the following:

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Verizon and MFS Globenet are corporations organized under the laws of Delaware. MCI International is a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware.

Assignee Information in Response to Section 1.767(a)(8)-(9):

Section 1.767(a)(8)(i) – information and certifications required in §§63.18(h) and (o) of the Commission’s rules:

Section 63.18(h). MCI International is a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Verizon through a series of intermediate companies, which are identified in Exhibit 1. The address for the Verizon entities is One Verizon Way, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. Verizon is a publicly traded and widely held company, and no person or entity holds a direct or indirect 10 percent or greater

(concluding that a “corporate reorganization which involves no substantial change in the beneficial ownership of the corporation” is *pro forma* in nature).

⁴ *Id.* at 6295, ¶ 2. See also *1998 Biennial Review – Review of International Common Carrier Regulations*, Report and Order, 14 FCC Rcd 4909, ¶ 42 (1999) (finding that “[r]egulatory review of [*pro forma*] transactions yields no significant public interest benefits, but may delay or hinder transactions that could provide substantial financial, operational, or administrative benefits for carriers.”).

ownership interest in Verizon. Verizon's principal business is the provision of communications services.

Verizon and MCI International do not have any interlocking directorates with a foreign carrier.

Section 63.18(o). Verizon certifies that no party to this application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

Section 1.767(a)(8)(ii) – foreign carrier affiliates:

Verizon, and thus MCI International, are affiliated with the following foreign carriers:

Name of the affiliated carrier:	Countries in which carrier is authorized to provide telecommunications services to the public:
Verizon Argentina S.R.L.	Argentina
Verizon Australia Pty Limited	Australia
Verizon Austria GmbH	Austria
NV Verizon Belgium Luxembourg S.A.	Belgium, Luxembourg
Verizon Telecomunicações do Brazil Ltda	Brazil
Verizon Bulgaria EOOD	Bulgaria
Verizon Canada Ltd.	Canada
Verizon Chile S.A.	Chile
Verizon Colombia S.A.	Colombia
Verizon Costa Rica S.R.L.	Costa Rica
Verizon Croatia Limited	Croatia
Verizon Czech s.r.o.	Czech Republic
Verizon Denmark A/S	Denmark
Verizon Finland Oy	Finland
Verizon France SAS	France
Verizon Deutschland GmbH	Germany
Verizon Hellas Telecommunications Single Member LLC	Greece
Verizon Communications Guatemala Limitada	Guatemala
Verizon Hong Kong Limited	Hong Kong
Verizon Hungary Telecommunications LLC	Hungary
Verizon Communications India Private Limited	India
Verizon Ireland Limited	Ireland
Verizon Italia S.p.A.	Italy
Verizon Japan Limited	Japan
Verizon Korea Limited	Korea
Verizon Servicios Empresariales Mexico, S de R.L. de C.V.	Mexico
Verizon Nederland BV	Netherlands
Verizon New Zealand Limited	New Zealand

Name of the affiliated carrier:	Countries in which carrier is authorized to provide telecommunications services to the public:
Verizon Norway AS	Norway
Verizon Panama S.A.	Panama
Verizon Peru SRL	Peru
Verizon Polska Sp. Z.o.o	Poland
Verizon Portugal Sociedade Unipessoal, LDA	Portugal
Verizon Romania SRL	Romania
Verizon Rus LLC	Russia
Verizon Communications Singapore Pte. Ltd.	Singapore
Verizon Communications Slovakia s.r.o	Slovakia
Verizon Communications South Africa (Pty) Limited	South Africa
Verizon Spain S.L.	Spain
Verizon Sweden AB	Sweden
Verizon Switzerland AG	Switzerland
Verizon Taiwan Co. Limited	Taiwan (Chinese Taipei)
Verizon UK Limited	United Kingdom
Verizon Venezuela, S.A.	Venezuela

Section 1.767(a)(8)(iii) – destination markets:

The Verizon foreign affiliates identified above provide service to the countries listed above. No party, through this notification, is seeking to land or operate a new submarine cable that connects the United States to a foreign country.

Section 1.767(a)(8)(iv) – WTO status and market power:

All of the above-listed countries are WTO member countries. The Commission has not found that any of Verizon’s foreign carrier affiliates possess market power. These foreign carriers lack 50 percent market share in the international transport and the local access markets in the destination markets where they provide services. None of these foreign carriers is listed on the Commission’s List of Foreign Telecommunications Carriers that Are Presumed to Possess Market Power in Foreign Telecommunications Markets.

Section 1.767(a)(9) – certification regarding routine conditions:

Verizon certifies that it will accept and abide by the routine conditions specified at Section 1.767(g) of the Commission’s rules.

Pro Forma Certification

Verizon certifies that the assignment of MFS Globenet’s interests in the CB-1 Cable System, Gemini Bermuda System, and Southern Cross Cable Network to MCI International was *pro forma* and, together with all previous *pro forma* transactions, did not result in a change in the actual controlling party of its submarine cable interests (which continue to be controlled by Verizon).

The undersigned certifies that all statements made in this notification and in the exhibits, attachments, or documents incorporated by reference are material, are part of this application, are made in good faith, and based on reasonable investigation and belief, are true, complete, and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

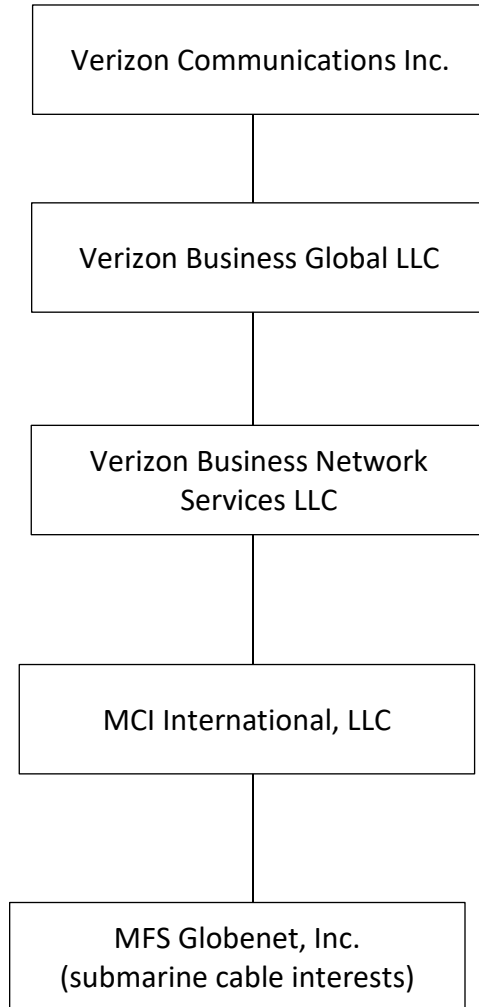
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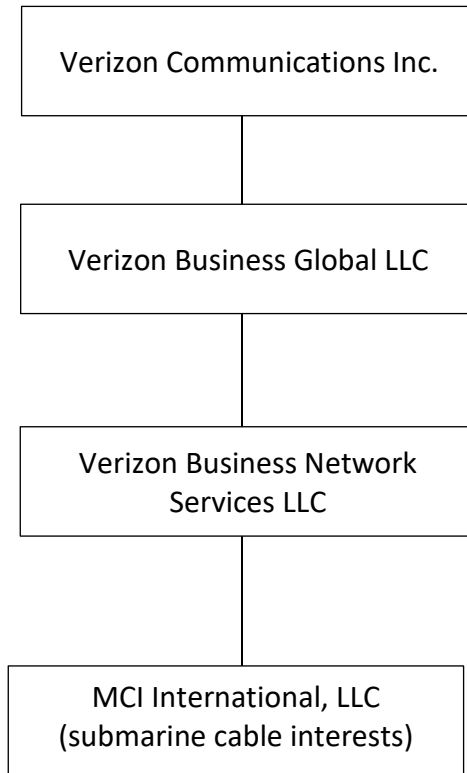
EXHIBIT 1

Pre-Restructuring Ownership



All ownership
interests are 100%

Post-Restructuring Ownership



All ownership interests are 100%