

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

In the Matter of)
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IDB Worldcom Services, Inc., Assignor)
) File No. SCL-_____)
and)
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Verizon Business Global LLC, Assignee)
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Application for *Pro Forma* Assignment of)
Interests in Cable Landing License)

To: Chief, International Bureau

**APPLICATION FOR *PRO FORMA* ASSIGNMENT OF
INTERESTS IN CABLE LANDING LICENSE**

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”) requests Federal Communications Commission (“Commission” or “FCC”) consent to the *pro forma* assignment of an ownership interest in the Antillas 1 Cable System (the “Cable System”)¹ from IDB Worldcom Services, Inc. (“IDB Worldcom”) to Verizon Business Global LLC (“Verizon Business”). Verizon files this application to help ensure the Commission’s records regarding the Cable System is up to date.

¹ See File No. SCL-LIC-19951013-00002.

Description of Transaction and Public Interest Statement

In 1996, the Commission issued a cable landing license for the construction and operation of the Cable System, which connects Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.² The licensees of the Cable System, among others, included IDB WorldCom, which was a subsidiary of MCI, Inc. (“MCI”).

Verizon closed on its acquisition of MCI in 2006, which included MCI’s ownership interests in the Cable System.³ Based on a review of available records, it appears that IDB WorldCom’s original ownership interest in the Cable System was involved in *pro forma* internal corporate restructurings, which ultimately resulted in that interest being held by MCI Communications Corporation (“MCICC”). On June 30, 2020, as part of another internal restructuring, MCICC merged into its parent Verizon Business.⁴ Verizon Business currently holds an approximate 1.944 percent ownership interest in the Cable System.⁵

The non-substantive internal ownership changes described above did not result in a change the ultimate control of the Cable System’s ownership interests and they were *pro forma*

² See *Telefonica Larga Distancia de Puerto Rico, Inc., et al. Joint Application for a License to Land and Operate a Digital Submarine Cable System Between the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, the Antillas 1 Cable System*, Cable Landing License, 11 FCC Rcd 7690 (1996).

³ See *Verizon Communications Inc. and MCI, Inc. Applications for Approval of Transfer of Control*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 20 FCC Rcd 18433 (2005).

⁴ See *Actions Taken Under Cable Landing License Act*, Public Notice, SCL-ASG-20200601-00022, DA No. 20-660 (rel. June 24, 2020) (reporting the *pro forma* assignment of other cable interests from MCICC to Verizon Business).

⁵ MCI International, Inc. (“MCII”), another former subsidiary of MCI, also was one of the original licensees of the Cable System and also is a wholly-owned Verizon subsidiary and affiliate of Verizon Business. On June 30, 2020, MCII’s interest in the Cable System was assigned on a *pro forma* basis to MCI International, LLC (“MCI LLC”). See *Actions Taken Under Cable Landing License Act*, Public Notice, SCL-ASG-20200601-00023, DA No. 20-660 (rel. June 24, 2020). MCI LLC currently holds an approximate 4.18 percent ownership interest in the Cable System.

in nature.⁶ The Commission has stated that, in situations “where no substantial change of control will result from the transfer or assignment, grant of the application is deemed presumptively in the public interest.”⁷

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)

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IDB Worldcom was as corporation organized under Delaware law. Verizon Business is a limited liability company organized under Delaware law.

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:

⁶ *Communications Bar Ass’ns 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) (concluding that a “corporate reorganization which involves no substantial change in the beneficial ownership of the corporation” is *pro forma* in nature).

⁷ *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.”).

Section 63.18(h). Verizon Business is a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of Verizon, a Delaware corporation. 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 ownership interest in Verizon. Verizon’s principal business is the provision of communications services.

The Verizon entities 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:

The Verizon entities are currently 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 Brasil 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

Name of the affiliated carrier:	Countries in which carrier is authorized to provide telecommunications services to the public:
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
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 application, 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:

The Verizon entities will accept and will abide by the routine conditions specified at Section 1.767(g) of the Commission's rules.

Pro Forma Certification and Eligibility for Streamlined Processing

Verizon certifies that the assignment of the ownership interest in the Cable System was *pro forma* and, together with all previous *pro forma* transactions, did not result in a change in the actual controlling party of the relevant interest (which continues to be controlled by Verizon).

The Verizon entities certify that they are not foreign carriers. This *pro forma* assignment application creates no new foreign carrier affiliations for Verizon. None of the foreign carrier affiliates listed above possess market power, and each lacks 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.

The undersigned certifies that all statements made in this application 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.

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