



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Abelson:

This is in reference to the Commission's letter dated April 13, 1999, requesting approval of a joint application to land and operate in the United States a submarine fiber optic cable known as TAT-14 on a non-tariffed, non-common carrier basis (File No. SCL-ITC-19990303-0004). The joint applicants, AT&T Corp.; BellSouth International, Inc.; Cable & Wireless USA, Inc.; Cable & Wireless Global Networks Ltd.; GTE Intelligent Network Services, Inc.; IXC Communications Services, Inc.; KDD America, Inc.; MCI WorldCom, Inc.; Pacific Gateway Exchange (Bermuda) Limited; RSL COM U.S.A., Inc.; Sprint Communications Company, LP.; Star Telecommunications, Inc.; Startec Global Communications Corp.; Swisscom North America, Inc.; TeleBermuda International Limited; Teleglobe USA Inc.; Telenor Global Services AS; Telia North America Inc.; and Viatel, Inc. have partnership interest in the TAT-14 Cable Network which will extend between the United States, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, France and the United Kingdom.

Pursuant to provisions of the Submarine Cable Landing License Act (47 U.S.C. §§34-39) (SCLLA) and Executive Order No. 10530 (May 10, 1954), the Department of State has reviewed the application and has no objection to approving the joint application for a cable landing license. This letter has been coordinated with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Department of Defense and they concur herein.

Sincerely,

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