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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St. SW, Room TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: WT Docket No. 16-38, Pertaining to: Hawaiki Submarine Cable USA LLC  
SCL-LIC-20160906-00019**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), with the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) (collectively, “the Agencies”), hereby request the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) defer action on the above referenced proceeding. The Agencies currently are reviewing these matters for any national security, law enforcement, or public safety concerns and have yet to complete that effort. We respectfully request the FCC defer action until such time as the Agencies notify the FCC of the completion of their reviews and, based on the results of such review, request appropriate action by the commission. The Agencies will advise the FCC promptly upon completion of our review.

Regards,

/s/ Shawn Cooley  
Director, Foreign Investment Risk Management  
Office of Policy  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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