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Washington, D.C. 20004

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By E-File

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

**Re: Hawaiki Submarine Cable USA LLC
SCL-LIC-20160906-00019**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The U.S. Department of Justice, with the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“collectively, “the Agencies”), requests that the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) defer action on the above-referenced proceedings. The Agencies currently are reviewing these matters for any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues but have not yet completed that effort. We therefore request that the Commission defer action until such time as the Agencies notify the Commission of the completion of their reviews and, based on the results of such reviews, request appropriate action by the Commission.

The Agencies will advise the Commission promptly upon completion of their review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bermel R. Paz".

Bermel R. Paz
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U.S. Department of Justice