

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554



Chief, Telecommunications
and Analysis Division,
International Bureau

In the Matter of)
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The Taino-Carib Submarine Cable System)
Operating between Puerto Rico and St.)
Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands and the)
British Virgin Islands)

File No. SCL-LIC-20180702-00019

Expires: February 16, 2021

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

On behalf of the licensees of the Taino-Carib submarine cable system,¹ SCL-LIC-19920512-00012; SCL-LIC-20180702-00019, AT&T Corp. ("AT&T"), pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 34-39, Executive Order 10,530, and 47 C.F.R. § 1.767, hereby requests that the Commission further extend the previously granted Special Temporary Authority ("STA") to allow the continued operation of the Taino-Carib cable following the expiration of the prior cable landing license while the Commission considers the application for a new cable landing license for this cable filed on June 29, 2018.² The Commission previously approved the STA on August 6, 2018 and extended it on February 22, 2019; August 20, 2019; and February 10, 2020. The current STA expires on August 10, 2020.³

¹ The licensees are: AT&T Corp., MCI International Inc., Prepa Networks, LLC, Primus Telecommunications, Inc., Sprint Communications Company L.P., and Telefonica Larga Distancia De Puerto Rico. See, FCC Public Notice, FY 2016 Regulatory Fees, Listing of Submarine Cable Owners, Sept. 7, 2019, at 9.

² See Application For Cable Landing License, File No. SCL-LIC-20180702-00019, filed June 29, 2018.

³ See *The Taino-Carib Cable System*, SCL-STA-20180119-00001, Jan. 25, 2018; SCL-STA-20180629-00017, Aug. 6, 2018; SCL-STA-20190128-00002, Feb. 22, 2019; SCL-STA-20190726-00022, Aug. 20, 2019; SCL-STA-20200124-00004, Feb. 10, 2020. The application is currently under review by the "Team Telecom" Executive Branch agencies. Taino-Carib cable majority owner AT&T and minority owner Prepa Networks have submitted the necessary Letters of Assurance ("LOA"). Taino-Carib minority owner Cable & Wireless is working with Team Telecom to finalize its LOA.

AT&T acknowledges, on behalf of the licensees, that the grant of this STA will not prejudice any action the Commission may take on the application for a new cable landing license, and that this STA can be modified or revoked by the Commission upon its own motion without a hearing. AT&T also acknowledges on behalf of the licenses that such continued operation of the cable would remain subject to the conditions set forth in the cable landing license released on July 6, 1992.

AT&T submits that the continued operation of the Taino-Carib cable will continue to serve the public interest for the reasons set forth in the application for STA filed on January 18, 2018 and therefore requests the grant of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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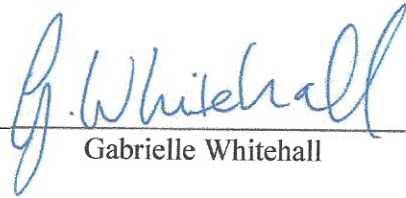
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I hereby certify that the foregoing application was served on the following by first-class mail on July 13, 2020:

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