## Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of
GU Holdings Inc.
Application for a License to Construct, Land, and Operate a Submarine Cable Connecting the United States and France

File No. SCL-LIC-20190410-00015

## PETITION TO ADOPT CONDITIONS TO AUTHORIZATIONS AND LICENSES

The Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") hereby submits this Petition to Adopt Conditions to Authorizations and Licenses ("Petition"), pursuant to Section 1.41 of the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") rules.<sup>1</sup> Through this Petition, DHS advises the Commission that DHS has no objection to the Commission approving the authority sought in the above-referenced proceeding, provided that the Commission conditions its approval on the commitment of GU Holdings Inc. ("GU Holdings") to abide by the undertakings set forth in the March 10, 2020 Letter of Assurances ("LOA"), which is attached hereto as Attachment A. The above-referenced proceeding involves an application seeking Commission approval to construct, land, and operate a submarine cable connecting Virginia Beach, Virginia and Saint-Hilaire-de-Riez, France (FCC File No. SCL-LIC-20190410-00015).

The Commission has long recognized that law enforcement, national security, and public safety concerns are part of its public interest analysis and has accorded deference to the views of

<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.41.

other U.S. government agencies with expertise in those areas. See Comsat

Corporation d/b/a Comsat Mobile Communications, 16 FCC Rcd. 21661, 21707, ¶ 94 (2001).

After discussions with GU Holdings in connection with the above-referenced proceeding, DHS has concluded that the commitments set forth in the LOA will help ensure that those agencies with responsibility for enforcing the law, protecting the national security, and preserving public safety can proceed appropriately to satisfy those responsibilities. Accordingly, DHS advises the Commission that it has no objection to the Commission granting the application in the above-referenced proceeding, provided that the Commission conditions its consent on compliance by GU Holdings with the LOA.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment A (Letter of Assurances)