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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
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Re: ***Application to Modify the Trans-Pacific Express Cable Network***  
***File No. SCL-MOD-20080714-00012***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Trans-Pacific Express Cable Network (“TPE”) Consortium currently has pending the above-captioned application, which seeks FCC consent to add NTT Communications Corporation (“NTT”) as a licensee on the TPE cable and to extend the TPE cable to add a landing station in Shinmaruyama, Japan. The TPE Consortium hereby updates this application to reflect a recent *pro forma* assignment of China Network Communications Group Corporation’s (“China Netcom”) interest in the cable to China United Network Communications Group Company Limited (formerly known as China United Telecommunications Corporation) (“China Unicom”), as described in a *pro forma* assignment notification filed yesterday (see File No. SCL-ASG-20090204-00001).

The *pro forma* assignment occurred as part of a restructuring that took place on January 6, 2009 (retroactively effective as of January 1, 2009). Because China Unicom and China Netcom were both owned and controlled by the government of the People’s Republic of China – which remains China Unicom’s ultimate parent – the restructuring did not change the ultimate ownership or control of the license interests and the assignment is thus *pro forma* in nature.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions or should additional information be required.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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cc: David Krech