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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-T/C-20181130-00038**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Department of Justice (“DOJ”) requests that the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) defer action on the above-referenced proceeding and remove this application from streamlined processing. DOJ currently is reviewing this matter for any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues but has not yet completed that effort. We therefore request that the Commission defer action until DOJ notifies the Commission of the completion of its review and, based on the results of such review and any needed coordination with other agencies, requests appropriate action by the Commission.

DOJ will advise the Commission promptly upon completion of its review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/S/  
Lee Licata  
National Security Division  
U.S. Department of Justice

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