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Via certified mail return receipt requested and email

Re: International Signalling Point Code (ISPC) Request, File No. SPC-NEW-20190315-00002

Dear Mr. Gabriel,

This letter responds to the application AST Telecom, LLC submitted on March 15, 2019 through the Federal Communications Commission's International Bureau Filing System (IBFS). In your application, you requested one International Signalling Point Code (ISPC) assignment for international signalling points intended to be implemented in Pago Pago, AS on U.S.-based Signalling System No. 7 networks. Your application indicated that the network has already been implemented.

Per the guidelines of ITU-T Recommendation Q.708, the ISPC is: (1) to be used for international signalling points for Signalling System No. 7 networks; (2) intended to be processed within the Message Transfer Part of each signalling point or signalling transfer point, so that there is no direct relationship to the telephone, data, or Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) numbering; and (3) assigned only to existing signalling points in the United States which belong to international signaling networks, or those planned to begin service not more than 12 months in the future.<sup>2</sup> All requests for ISPC assignments are limited to those that strictly fit the guidelines.

Based on our review of your application, your request appears to be in accordance with the ITU-T guidelines and will be effective as of today. Accordingly, we are provisionally assigning the following ISPC for utilization at the U.S. signalling points indicated in your application:

5-088-4 Pago Pago, AS

The ITU-T Secretariat will be notified that AST Telecom, LLC Limited has been provisionally assigned code 5-088-4.

ISPC assignments that have been held in excess of 12 months and that have not been implemented must be returned to this Administrator (FCC, International Bureau, Telecommunications and Analysis Division) for reassignment pursuant to the guidelines. Thus, you must implement the assignment and notify this office of the implementation at the address below on or before June 7, 2020. Unless this office is specifically notified of the actual implementation of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Although an attachment to the application identifies four possible ISPCs, Mr. Gabriel informed staff by phone that AST Telecom, LLC needs only one ISPC for its network.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ITU-T Recommendation Q.708 at 1-5, <a href="https://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-Q.708-199903-I/en">https://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-Q.708-199903-I/en</a>.

assignments by the due date, we will assume that implementation did not occur and the assignment will be deemed to have expired, making the code above available for reassignment.<sup>3</sup>

Please note that ISPCs are not transferable between signalling point operators.<sup>4</sup> These ISPCs cannot be sold, licensed, or traded by the signalling point operators. ISPCs cannot be transferred except in the case of a merger, acquisition, divestiture, or joint venture. AST Telecom, LLC must notify this office of any such transfer by the signalling point operator.

Please address any questions that you may have regarding this assignment or any future ISPC assignments to the address or phone number shown below.

Regards,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Though the Commission provisionally assigned code 5-088-1 to AST Telecom, LLC in September 2015 (*see* File No. SPC-NEW-20150825-00015), AST actually implemented code 5-088-4 in 2015 according to application File No. SPC-NEW-20190315-00002. We still require formal notification of implementation by June 7, 2020. By separate letter, we will cancel AST Telecom, LLC's assignment of ISPC 5-088-1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ITU-T Recommendation Q.708 at 6, para. 12, <a href="https://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-Q.708-199903-I/en.">https://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-Q.708-199903-I/en.</a>