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Re: Application of Global Crossing Ltd. and GC Acquisition Limited for Consent to Transfer Control of Various Licenses and Authorizations and Petition for Declaratory Ruling, IB Docket No. 02-286

Dear Mr. Lipman, Ms. Kiddo, and Mr. Gagnier:

On February 14, 2003, day 149, we stopped the 180-day clock in IB Docket No. 02-286 pending clarification of information counsel for applicants had submitted on February 6, 2003, and pending the acceptability for filing of the February 13, 2003 amendments to the submarine cable and section 214 applications. We stated that we would restart the clock once we had had the opportunity to ensure that the information provided and, if applicable, any comments received were sufficient to allow us to complete our review of the applications. On March 13, 2003, counsel provided the requested clarification to the February 6, 2003 submission. Further, on February 20, 2003, the Policy Division issued a public notice finding the February 13, 2003 amendments to the applications acceptable for filing, and received comments and reply comments, respectively, on March 6 and 13, 2003.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, we will not restart the clock at this time in light of: (1) applicants' request (see Petition for Declaratory Ruling at 20) that the Commission defer dispositive action on the applications "pending notification to the Commission that all issues identified by the Executive Agencies have or have not been resolved ..."; (2) the pending Executive Branch motion of October 21, 2002 to defer dispositive action in the proceeding for review of national security, law enforcement and public safety issues; and (3) the continuing discussions that counsel advises, in its March 25, 2003 letter, are occurring between applicants and the Executive Branch. The clock remains stopped at day 149.

Sincerely,

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