

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

AMERICAN TELEPHONE File No. I-T-D-89-002
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY
GTE HAWAIIAN TELEPHONE
COMPANY INCORPORATED

Application for Such Authority as May be
Required to Deactivate and Retire the
California - Hawaii No. 1 Cable System, and
to Modify the Submarine Cable Landing
License Accordingly

ORDER AND CERTIFICATE

Adopted: January 6, 1989; Released: January 30, 1989

By the Chief, International Facilities Division:

1. The Commission is considering an application filed on November 18, 1988, by American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) and GTE Hawaiian Telephone Company Incorporated (HTC), (Applicants), requesting authority, pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, to deactivate and retire the California - Hawaii No. 1 Cable System (HAW-1) and modify the Submarine Cable Landing License accordingly. The application was placed on public notice on November 23, 1988. No comments were received.

2. The HAW-1 Cable System connects the U.S. Mainland and Hawaii with landing points in Point Arena, California and Oahu, Hawaii. The Applicants plan to deactivate and retire the HAW-1 Cable System because of its age, relatively high maintenance costs and relatively low analog capacity. The HAW-1 cable, now 31 years old, has exceeded a standard 25-year design life by 6 years. The system currently has a voice-grade capacity of 51 circuits with 12 circuits wholly owned by AT&T and the remaining 39 circuits jointly owned by HTC and AT&T. Upon deactivation of the HAW-1 cable system, the Applicants state that they will continue to meet the service needs between the U.S. Mainland and Hawaii, and beyond, by utilizing other transpacific facilities, and that no services will be discontinued, reduced or impaired as a result of this deactivation.

3. Upon review of the foregoing application, we find that the HAW-1 cable has reached the end of its useful service life and that substitute transpacific facilities between the U.S. Mainland and Hawaii are available, offering a better quality of service. Under these circumstances, we conclude that the permanent discontinuance of operation of the HAW-1 cable system and the transfer of service to more modern facilities can be accomplished with no discontinuance, reduction or impairment of any service to any community or any part of a community now served by the HAW-1 cable.

4. Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that neither the present nor the future public convenience and necessity will be adversely affected by the discontinuance of use and operation by the Applicants of the HAW-1 cable and the substitution of other transpacific facilities.

5. Within 60 days after the release of this order, the Applicants shall notify the Commission of the the accounting treatment that they intend to use in retiring the HAW-1 cable.

6. Upon discontinuance of use and operation of the HAW-1 cable, the Applicants shall notify the Commission thereof and submit to the Commission for cancellation any submarine cable landing license it possesses covering the HAW-1 cable.

7. This order is issued under Section 0.291 of the Commission's rules and is effective upon adoption. Petitions for reconsideration under Section 1.106 or applications for review under Section 1.115 of the Commission's rules may be filed within 30 days of public notice of this order (see Section 1.4(b)(2)).

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