

11. In conclusion, I should like to emphasize, as the Commission stated, that we were not called upon to judge the relative economies of cables and satellites in the years to come, nor did we do so. We found only that, in the circumstances now confronting us, the public interest would be served by granting the TAT-5 application at this time. We expect that satellite technology, if aggressively pursued and intelligently applied, will provide major economies in the years to come. In fact, competitive efforts by competent personnel working in the cable and satellite technologies—and in others not even visualized at the present time—offer the best assurance that our communications industry will continue to provide high quality, flexible, and increasingly lower cost services to satisfy the growing demand for international communication services and facilities.

Before the

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Washington, D.C.

File No. S-C-L-40

IN THE MATTER OF AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO.; ITT WORLD COMMUNICATIONS INC.; RCA COMMUNICATION, INC.; WESTERN UNION INTERNATIONAL, INC.

LICENSE AUTHORIZING THE LANDING AND OPERATION OF A SUBMARINE CABLE BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND SPAIN

CABLE LANDING LICENSE

Adopted May 22, 1968; released May 27, 1968

By the Commission: Commissioners Loevinger and Wadsworth absent, Commissioner Johnson dissenting.

The Commission having under consideration an application, File No. S-C-L-40, filed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., ITT World Communications Inc., RCA Communications, Inc., and Western Union International, Inc., requesting a joint license to land and operate a submarine cable between the State of Rhode Island and Spain. Hereby Grants and Issues, under the provisions of an act entitled, "An act relating to the landing and operation of submarine cables in the United States" (47 United States Code, secs. 34-39) and Executive Order No. 10530, dated May 10, 1954 (delegating to the Federal Communications Commission certain Presidential functions relating to submarine cable landing licenses) to the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, and to ITT World Communications Inc., RCA Communications, Inc. and Western Union International, Inc., all corporations organized under the laws of the State of Delaware a submarine cable as follows:

A single submarine cable with rigid two-way repeaters, providing for telephone and telegraph communications, between the State of Rhode Island and Spain (TAT-5), subject to the provisions of the above-cited act entitled, "An act relating to the landing and operation of submarine cables in the United States," the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 United States Code, sec. 151-609), subsequent applicable acts and all rules and regulations heretofore or hereafter made by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to authority vested in it; subject to any treaties or conventions relating to communications to which the United States of America is now or may hereafter become a party; subject to any action by the Commission or the Congress of the United States of America rescinding, changing, modifying, or amend-