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May 1, 2020

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The Honorable Mark Jensen
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Stephen Giesbrecht, Borough Manager
Petersburg Borough
Post Office Box 329
Petersburg, Alaska 99833

Re: GCI Communication Corp. | ADL 107619
Application for Cable Removal and Relocation

Dear Mayor Jensen and Manager Giesbrecht:

On April 22, 2020, GCI Communication Corp. filed an Application for Easement with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water to remove and relocate one of their fiber optic cables that crosses over four of the Southeast Alaska Power Agency's (SEAPA) cables in the Stikine Straits. Since SEAPA suffered a failure of one of its four cables, it requested GCI to remove their cable from its current position so SEAPA could replace its faulty cable and encouraged them to permanently reroute their cable to avoid future impediments. GCI is attempting to accommodate that request and the attached Public Notice from the Department of Natural Resources advises that the deadline for written public comment on GCI's request is June 1, 2020 at 5 pm.

This letter is to solicit your support for GCI's application which benefits SEAPA's efforts to access its faulty cable and will also facilitate access to address any future cable issues in the vicinity. The attached Public Notice and accompanying maps further define the geographic location of GCI's requested activity.

Thank you for your consideration of the support requested. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:
Public Notice & Maps



THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
GOVERNOR MIKE DUNLEAVY

Department of Natural Resources

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ADL 107619
GCI Communication Corp.

April 30, 2020

Subject to AS 38.05.850, the Southeast Regional Office has received an application for the following:

APPLICANT: GCI Communication Corp. (GCICC)

PROJECT NAME: ADL 107619

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: Waters of Chichagof Passage

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Sections 1, 10, 11, 12, Township 64 S, Range 82 E, CRM
Sections 4, 5, 6, Township 64 S, Range 83 E, CRM
Sections 8, 17, 18, 19, Township 63 S, Range 84 E, CRM
Sections 24, 25, 26, 33, 34, 35, Township 63 S, Range 83 E, CRM

REQUESTED ACTIVITY:

GCI installed a submarine fiber-optic system under ADL 107619 in 2017. A section of this fiber optic cable easement (61,490 feet long by 30 feet wide) located between Ketchikan and Wrangell, crosses over four power cables owned by Southeast Alaska Power Authority (SEAPA) in the Stikine Straits. SEAPA suffered a failure of one of these four cables and is requesting GCI to remove the fiber-optic cable from its current position over the power cables. GCI is seeking approval to remove the existing portion of the cable and relocate it from the permitted easement granted to GCI by the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to the new location in Chichagof Passage.

PROPOSED DATES OF USE:

Recovery & Redeployment: August 2020 – September 2020
Easement term: 25 years

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: 5 pm on June 1, 2020

The public is invited to comment on this activity. The purpose of this notice is to gather input before a decision is made on this activity. To ensure consideration, written comments must be received by the Division of Mining, Land and Water at PO Box 111020 Juneau, AK 99811-1020 on or before 5:00 p.m. on the date noted above. Questions concerning this

activity or requests to view the full application packet should be directed to Kaitlyn Raffier, Telephone: (907) 465- 3524; Fax: (907) 500-9011 or e-mail: kaitlyn.raffier@alaska.gov.

After review and adjudication, we may issue an authorization with stipulations for the activity. The activity may be modified during the review and adjudication process.

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services or special modifications to comment should contact Kaitlyn Raffier by phone at 907-465-3524 or TDD 800-770-8973.

The DMLW, reserves the right to waive technical defects in this notice.





