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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. Kiddoo, and Mr. Gagnier:

In a January 23, 2003 letter, we requested further information with respect to the applications filed in IB Docket No. 02-286. Applicants responded by letter on February 6, 2003. In addition, on January 30, 2003, applicants, by letter, provided notice of certain changes in foreign affiliations, and, as a result, on February 3, 2003 we advised counsel that applicants should file an amendment to the submarine cable and section 214 applications in the docket, which we would put on abbreviated public notice. On February 13, 2003, we received those amended applications, which staff is reviewing now for acceptability for filing prior to public notice.

Further, during a phone call with counsel of February 14, 2003, the staff requested clarification of the February 6 submission. Until clarification has been received and analyzed, and the applicable comment period has run with respect to the amended applications referred to above, we are stopping the 180-day clock, effective immediately, on February 14, 2003, day 149. We will restart the clock once we have had the opportunity to ensure that the information provided and, if applicable, any comments received is sufficient to allow us to complete our review of the applications.

The docket is a restricted proceeding with respect to the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Please note, in the cover letter providing the information requested on February 14, 2003, that such communication and your response to it took place under section 1.1204(a)(10) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1204(a)(10). Please ensure that the new written material submitted in response to the communication is served promptly on parties to this

proceeding. We note applicants' pending request made in the February 6 letter to change the ex parte status of this proceeding, which we will address separately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Ball". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "B".

James Ball, Chief
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