

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
**DA-26-260 | Report No. SCL-00599S | March 19, 2026**  
**Streamlined Submarine Cable Landing License Applications -- Accepted for Filing**

**INFORMATIVE: STATUS UPDATE -- SCL-LIC-20250910-00044 (Sol Cable / Starfish Infrastructure Inc.)**

On February 13, 2026, the FCC released Public Notice DA-26-155 seeking comment on the application filed by Starfish Infrastructure Inc. (Google) for a license to construct, land, and operate the Sol cable system.

**DOJ FIRST EXTENSION REQUEST -- February 24, 2026**

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) National Security Division -- specifically the Telecom and Supply Chain Foreign Investment Review Section -- requested a two-week extension of the comment date, citing a lapse of funding for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Signed by: Christopher R. Clements, Deputy Chief, Telecom and Supply Chain Foreign Investment Review Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

Filed in: SCL-LIC-20250910-00044, dated February 24, 2026.

**FCC GRANTS FIRST EXTENSION -- February 27, 2026**

The FCC granted the DOJ request. New comment deadline: March 13, 2026.

**DOJ SECOND EXTENSION REQUEST -- March 12, 2026**

DOJ filed a second request for a two-week extension of the comment date, again citing the lapse of funding for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Signed by: Christopher R. Clements, Deputy Chief, Telecom and Supply Chain Foreign Investment Review Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

Filed in: SCL-LIC-20250910-00044, dated March 12, 2026.

**FCC GRANTS SECOND EXTENSION -- March 19, 2026**

The FCC granted the second DOJ request. New comment deadline: March 27, 2026.

This is the last public action on record as of the date of this notice.

**INVESTIGATIVE SIGNIFICANCE (PalmCoastStorylines.com)**

The DOJ National Security Division is the lead agency for Team Telecom review -- the interagency process that evaluates submarine cable applications for national security, law enforcement, and foreign policy risks. The fact that DOJ intervened twice to extend the comment period indicates the Sol cable application was under active national security review as of late March 2026.

The stated reason -- DHS funding lapse -- refers to the DOGE-era budget cuts that disrupted DHS operations in early 2026. This is a bureaucratic explanation for the delay, but the effect is that the application remained open through at least March 27, 2026.

As of June 28, 2026: No FCC public notice granting the Sol cable license has been located. The building permit for the Palm Coast cable landing station was issued April 8, 2026 -- after both DOJ extensions but with the license still pending.

Google is constructing a cable landing station in Palm Coast for a cable that, as of the last available public record, does not have federal authorization to land in the United States.

**TIMELINE SUMMARY**

Sep 10, 2025: Application filed (SCL-LIC-20250910-00044).  
Sep 22, 2025: Amendment filed (SCL-AMD-20250922-00052).  
Jan 23, 2026: Amendment filed (SCL-AMD-20260123-00016).  
Feb 13, 2026: FCC accepts for filing, opens comment period (DA-26-155).  
Feb 24, 2026: DOJ requests 2-week extension -- DHS funding lapse.  
Feb 27, 2026: FCC grants extension, deadline moves to Mar 13, 2026.  
Mar 12, 2026: DOJ requests second 2-week extension -- DHS funding lapse.  
Mar 19, 2026: FCC grants second extension, deadline moves to Mar 27, 2026.  
Apr 8, 2026: Palm Coast building permit issued. Construction underway.  
Jun 28, 2026: No FCC grant notice found in public record.

**SOURCE**

FCC Public Notice DA-26-260, Report No. SCL-00599S, March 19, 2026.  
<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-26-260A2.pdf>