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Mr. Tyrone J. Taitano  
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P.O. Box 2950  
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**Subject: CZMA Federal Consistency Certification for ECHO Cable Landing, Tepungan, Piti, Guam.**

Dear Mr. Taitano:

RTI Solutions, Inc. is proposing to land the ECHO submarine cable system on Guam and has an agreement with Tata Communications to utilize one of the six conduits that were previously installed offshore and in Lot 58-1-NEW-1-1NEW, Tepungan, Piti in 2001. The conduit raceway was installed to receive submarine fiber-optic cables, including the TGN Pacific cable landed by Tyco Telecom. The proposed ECHO cable system would connect Guam with Singapore and the mainland U.S. (California).

For this activity, RTI Solutions, Inc. is seeking a Department of the Army permit for work in waters of the United States, and is providing its Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency Certification to the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, in accordance with the Guam Coastal Management Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-583). The proposed ECHO cable is needed to increase capacity and interconnectivity in this region of the western Pacific.

The project will land a single cable through one of the conduits in the Tata raceway, and pull the cable to shore where it will be spliced to land cables at a beach manhole located above the high tide line. The heavy equipment to pull the cable to shore will be equipped with on-board spill response equipment for work near marine environments. These include absorbent pads and booms to be deployed in case of accidental oil leaks. No heavy equipment will be operated in marine waters. Similarly, the cable ship will have on-board spill response equipment to deploy in accordance with the vessel's spill response plan. The Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) developed for the project describes the EPP measures that would be implemented to control discharges and manage spills from heavy equipment operating at the site. Construction would be performed in accordance with specified best management practices (BMPs) to control erosion and minimize sedimentation.

**On behalf of RTI Solutions, Inc. we certify that the proposed activity complies with the enforceable policies of Guam's approved coastal management program and will be conducted in a manner consistent with such program.** A consistency assessment package is enclosed that discusses each of the 16 enforceable policies with findings that the proposed action and its effects are consistent with these policies. Please contact me at 477-7991 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Claudine Camacho  
Environmental Services Division

Enclosure: CZM Application Package