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(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of March 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John W. Craig,

*Director, Division of Regulatory Applications,
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a draft of a guide planned for its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the Commission's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1083 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is "Content of the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report in Accordance with 10 CFR 50.71(e)." The guide will be in Division 1, "Power Reactors," of the Regulatory Guide Series. This regulatory guide is being developed to provide guidance to licensees to ensure that Updated Final Safety Analysis Reports are updated to reflect changes to the design bases and to reflect the effects of other analyses performed since the original licensing.

During its review of NEI 98-03, "Guidelines for Updating Final Safety Analysis Reports" (October 1998), the staff noticed that the voluntary guidance in Appendix A to NEI 98-03 could be interpreted to allow the removal of all information that is not required to be incorporated into an updated FSAR (UFSAR), regardless of whether that information is associated with risk-significant structures, systems, and components (SSCs). This could occur for SSCs that are not (1) addressed by technical specifications, (2) necessary for the facility to meet its design basis or safety analyses, (3) part of the UFSAR

description, as defined in Section 3.7 of NEI 98-03, or (4) otherwise required to be incorporated into the UFSAR in accordance with 10 CFR 50.34(b), 10 CFR 50.71(e), or other NRC requirements including license conditions and orders.

The staff's concern is that the removal of this information was intended by neither the proposed generic letter nor NEI 98-03. The staff is proposing that a statement such as the following be incorporated into Appendix A of NEI 98-03, most likely as a fourth bullet in Section A2, "Controlling Modifications to the Updated FSAR."

It is the intent of this guideline to help licensees remove unimportant information from UFSARs such as excessive detail, obsolete information, or redundant information. This guideline is not intended to be used to remove information from UFSARs regarding SSCs that insights from operating experience or probabilistic risk assessments would indicate are risk significant.

It should be understood that this limitation is voluntary; i.e., licensees who choose to take out information regarding risk-significant SSCs would be free to do so, absent an order or other legally binding requirement (e.g., a rule) directing the licensee not to remove the information.

The staff is specifically requesting comments on the above language and on the appropriateness of retaining information associated with risk-significant SSCs in UFSARs, even when a specific requirement to do so does not exist.

The draft guide has not received complete staff review or approval and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Public comments are being solicited on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1083. Comments may be accompanied by additional relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by April 30, 1999.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (http://ruleforum.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/library?source=*%&library=rg_lib&file=*). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact

Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov. For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Mr. T.A. Bergman, (301) 415-1021, e-mail TAB@nrc.gov.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Requests for single copies of draft or final guides (which may be reproduced) or for placement on an automatic distribution list for single copies of future draft guides in specific divisions should be made in writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Reproduction and Distribution Services Section; or by fax to (301)415-2289; or by email to <DISTRIBUTION@NRC.GOV>. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. Regulatory guides are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Appointments to Performance Review Boards for Senior Executive Service

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Appointment to Performance Review Boards for Senior Executive Service.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has announced the following appointments to the NRC Performance Review Boards.

The following individuals are appointed as members of the NRC Performance Review Board (PRB) responsible for making recommendations to the appointing and awarding authorities on performance appraisal ratings and performance awards for Senior Executives:

Patricia G. Norry, Deputy Executive Director for Management Services

Stephen G. Burns, Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel
 Guy P. Caputo, Director, Office of Investigations
 Samuel J. Collins, Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
 Margaret Federline, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research
 Jesse L. Funches, Chief Financial Officer
 Anthony J. Galante, Chief Information Officer

Hubert J. Miller, Regional Administrator, Region I
 Malcolm R. Knapp, Deputy Director for Regulatory Effectiveness
 Carl J. Paperiello, Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

Roy P. Zimmerman, Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

The following individuals will serve as members of the NRC PRB Panel that was established to review appraisals and make recommendations to the appointing and awarding authorities for NRC PRB members:

Karen D. Cyr, General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

Frank J. Miraglia, Jr., Deputy Executive Director for Regulatory Programs

Ashok C. Thadani, Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

All appointments are made pursuant to section 4314 of Chapter 43 of Title 5 of the United States Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 22, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carolyn J. Swanson, Secretary, Executive Resources Board, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, (301) 415-7530.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of March 1999.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carolyn J. Swanson,

Secretary, Executive Resources Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Issuer Delisting; Notice of Application To Withdraw From Listing and Registration; (FirstLink Communications, Inc., Common Stock, No Par Value, and Common Stock Purchase Warrants) File No. 1-14271

March 16, 1999.

FirstLink Communications, Inc. ("Company") has filed an application with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant

to Section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 12d22(d) promulgated thereunder, to withdraw the above specified securities ("Securities") from listing and registration on the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("BSE" or "Exchange").

The reasons cited in the application for withdrawing the Securities from listing and registration include the following:

The Securities of the Company have been listed for trading on the BSE and since July 27, 1998, pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form SB-2 which became effective on said date, on the Nasdaq SmallCap Market.

On February 18, 1999, the Company's Securities were suspended from trading on the BSE due to the Company's failing to meet the Exchange's minimum beneficial shareholder requirement with respect to the Common Stock of 600 beneficial shareholders.

The Company has complied with the rules of the BSE by filing with the Exchange a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Company's Board of Directors authorizing the withdrawal of its Securities from listing on the BSE and by setting forth in detail to the Exchange the reasons for the proposed withdrawal and the facts in support thereof. In making the decision to withdraw its Securities from listing on the BSE, the Company considered the minimum beneficial shareholder requirements of the Exchange and, based on a cost/benefit analysis, has decided not to rectify the situation.

The Exchange has informed the Company that it has no objection to the withdrawal of the Company's Securities from listing on the BSE.

The Company's application relates solely to the withdrawal from listing of the Securities from the BSE and shall have no effect upon the continued listing of the Securities on the Nasdaq SmallCap Market.

Any interested person may, on or before, April 6, 1999, submit by letter to the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609, facts bearing upon whether the application has been made in accordance with the rules of the Exchange and what terms, if any, should be imposed by the Commission for the protection of investors. The Commission, based on the information submitted to it, will issue an order granting the application after the date mentioned above, unless the Commission determines to order a hearing on the matter.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 23739; 812-11298]

TCAW Galileo Funds, Inc., et al.; Notice of Application

March 16, 1999.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of an application under section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from section 12(d)(1)(G)(i)(II) of the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit a fund of funds relying on section 12(d)(1)(G) of the Act to invest directly in certain equity securities.

APPLICANTS: TCW Galileo Funds, Inc. ("Company"), on behalf of its series TCW Galileo International Equities Fund ("International Fund"), and TCW Funds Management, Inc. ("Adviser").

FILING DATES: The application was filed on September 8, 1998 and amended on January 6, 1999 and March 12, 1999.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on April 8, 1999 and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicants in the form of an affidavit, or for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549-0609. Applicant, c/o Phillip K. Holl, TCW Funds Management, Inc., 865 South Figueroa Street, Suite 1800, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emerson S. Davis, Sr., Senior Counsel, at (202) 942-0714, or George J. Zornada,