

The Railway Association of Canada

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**Subject: Gazette Notice DGRB-002-99: Consultation on the Issuance of a Spectrum
Licence to the Railway Association of Canada.**

Dear Mr. Skora:

The RAC welcomes the opportunity to comment to Industry Canada on Gazette Notice No. DGRB-002-99 published in Canada Gazette Dated February 12, 1999.

The RAC approves of Industry Canada's proposal to issue a Spectrum Licence to the Railway Association of Canada. The Spectrum Licence will allow Canadian railways to make more effective and efficient use of the radio spectrum with reduced administrative cost.

The RAC commends Industry Canada, for their foresight in re-examining spectrum management, and devising a new process with increased user participation. This new process will permit the railways to obtain greater spectrum efficiencies and benefits without compromising the principles of spectrum management. The RAC extends its thanks to industry Canada staff who were able to move into an uncharted area and develop this proposal that successfully answers the needs of both, Industry Canada and the Canadian railway industry.

The RAC recommends that the proposal be adopted without amendment.

Yours truly,

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President