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SENT BY FAX AND EMAIL

Ms. Diane Rheaumé Secretary-General Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission Ottawa, ON K1A 0N2

Dear Ms. Rheaumé:

Re: Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2006-5 Review of Price Cap Framework

We are in receipt of Mr. Janigan's letter of May 18, 2006 requesting the Commission reconsider the process and timetable set out in Telecom Public Notice 2006-5. The Public Interest Law Centre is considering participating in this proceeding as counsel to the Consumers Association of Canada (Manitoba Branch) and the Manitoba Society of Seniors, and possibly other interested parties.

We concur with Mr. Janigan's submissions and support his request. In particular, we agree that without receiving information from the regulated telephone companies and without the benefit of responses to interrogatories, it will be very difficult for interested parties to participate in a meaningful way.

We respectfully request the Commission adopt the recommendations made on page 2 of Mr. Janigan's letter, including amending the schedule to require the named parties to initially file their proposals and be subject to interrogatories prior to a deadline for other parties to file their evidence, and also scheduling a technical/settlement conference before the oral hearing.

We thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly, *Original signed by* Beverly Froese Attorney

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