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VIA Fax and E-Mail

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

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Dear Ms. Rheame:

**Re: CRTC PN-2006-1
Review of Regulatory Framework Northwestel Inc.
Consumer Groups Notice of Intent to Participate**

Enclosed are the interrogatories filed on behalf of the Consumer Groups.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Sue Lott
Counsel for Consumer Groups

**Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2006-1
Review of Regulatory Framework for Northwestel Inc.**

**Parties' June 5, 2006 Submissions
Interrogatories from the Consumer Groups**

Yukon Government

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With reference to Yukon Government's Telecommunications Policy Principles, Attachment 1. Item 4. Affordability states "The telecommunications services available to Yukon customers must be affordable."

- a) Please explain how the Yukon Government would determine or evaluate whether the rates charged (current or proposed) by NWTel are affordable;
- b) Please explain whether the rates proposed by NWTel for local residential primary exchange service, including the \$2 proposed rate increase are considered affordable;
- c) Please explain whether the rates proposed by NWTel for local business primary exchange service, including the \$5 proposed rate increase are considered affordable.

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With reference to Yukon Government's Telecommunications Policy Principles, Attachment 1. Item 6. Quality states "The reliability and maintenance of services offered in Yukon should be comparable to the reliability and maintenance of services delivered in southern Canada."

Please explain whether the Yukon Government considers the implementation of a retail Quality of Service Rebate Plan for NWTel such as that adopted by the CRTC for the ILECs (including Telus Quebec and Telebec) in Decision 2005-17 would be appropriate as part of the regulatory framework for NWTel.

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