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October 13, 2004

Ms. Diane Rhéaume  
Secretary General  
Canadian Radio-television and telecommunications Commission  
Ottawa, ON  
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Dear Ms. Rhéaume:

**Subject:** The Bell Canada Broadband Expansion Proposal filed in the proceeding initiated by Public Notice 2004-1, Review and disposition of deferral accounts for the second price cap period

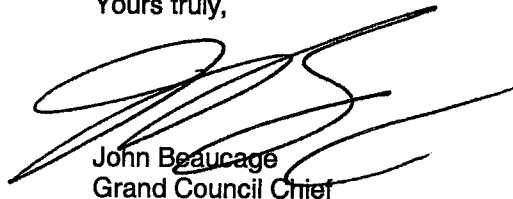
This letter comes in support of Bell Canada's Broadband Expansion Proposal, which is intended to support rural and remote areas that currently do not have access to broadband services.

Many Anishinabek First Nations in Ontario are located in remote or rural areas that have not traditionally had easy access to many of the basic infrastructure services that so many other Ontarians have enjoyed. In the past this has included basic modern necessities such as hydro and phone services. In today's current environment, these types of services have come to include broadband connectivity.

It is my understanding that the purpose of the deferral accounts Bell Canada is proposing to utilize is to set aside revenues representing amounts by which Bell Canada would have reduced local rates in absence of local competition restrictions. The Union of Ontario Indians feels strongly that intended savings for Anishinabek First Nations should be utilized for projects that will assist them in accessing technologies that are not currently available to them.

The Union of Ontario Indians recognizes the need for Bell Canada to continue to expand and support broadband services to First Nations in rural and remote areas. The Union of Ontario Indians supports Bell Canada in its efforts to access resources to support this broadband initiative and in turn to keep the Anishinabek informed on what resources are accessed and how our member communities have benefited.

Yours truly,



John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

c.c. Ella-Jean Richter-Bell Canada Regional Manager  
Alan Ozawanimke - CEO - Union of Ontario Indians

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**Subject: Bell Canada's Proposed Broadband Expansion Program**

**WHEREAS** many of the member First Nations of the Union of Ontario Indians are located in rural and remote areas that currently do not have access to broadband services; and

**WHEREAS** on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004, Bell Canada filed a proposal with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) in the deferral account proceeding initiated by Public Notice 2004-1; and

**WHEREAS** the purpose of the deferral accounts is to set aside revenues representing amounts by which Bell Canada would have reduced local rates in absence of local competition restrictions; and

**WHEREAS** the funds in the deferral account are intended to benefit customers, competitors and incumbents, and will be used to fund initiatives that provide such benefits; and

**WHEREAS** in its submissions with the CRTC, Bell Canada proposed to implement a three-year program that would make broadband service available to an additional 200,000 homes and business lines in over 1,100 rural and remote communities in Ontario and Quebec where broadband is not currently available and will not be commercially feasible.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly recognize the need for Bell Canada to continue to expand and support broadband services to First Nations in rural and remote areas; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly support Bell Canada in its efforts to access resources to support this broadband initiative and to keep the Anishinabek informed on what resources are accessed; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Anishinabek Chiefs in Assembly direct the Grand Council Chief to provide Bell Canada with a support letter for this expansion of broadband services and to begin discussion on sharing of revenue generation from these activities.

<b>Moved By:</b>	Chief Joe Buckell, Michipicoten First Nation
<b>Seconded By:</b>	Chief Angus Toulouse, Sagamok Anishnawbek
<b>Status:</b>	Passed by Majority
<b>In Favour:</b>	Majority
<b>Opposed:</b>	Vincent Chechock, Proxy, Wasauksing First Nation
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None

  
John Beaucage  
Grand Council Chief

  
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