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Dear Ms. Rhéaume:

Subject: Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2004-1, Review and disposition of deferral accounts for the second price cap period

The Canadian Centre for Emergency Preparedness (CCEP) is a not-for-profit organization devoted to the promotion of disaster management to individuals, communities and organizations, in both government and the private sector, with the aim of reducing the risk, impact and cost of natural, human-induced and technological disasters.

CCEP's objectives are to raise awareness of the increasing risks of disasters, promote the need for sound disaster management practices and disseminate information on the availability of professional expertise and resources, including technology.

CCEP is familiar with the application by Bell Canada to use funds from the Deferral Account to support the roll-out of the High Probability of Completion (HPC) feature in the telecommunications network to ensure that, during times of crises, timely, reliable communications are available to emergency planners and emergency operations personnel. Telecommunications networks play a vital role in the event of civic or other emergencies. Communications technology is a fundamental enabler of emergency personnel involved in the management of these situations, allowing them to remain informed, coordinate activities and to inform those directly affected by emergency situations.

CCEP believes that HPC would make a substantial contribution toward improving emergency preparedness in Canada that would save lives and protect property. CCEP strongly supports Bell's application, and urges the CRTC to approve this expenditure of Deferral Account funds.

Yours truly,

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