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

Subject: Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2005-2, *Forbearance from regulation of local exchange services* – Aliant Inc's Response to Commission Staff Letter Dated 16 September 2005 [File No. 8640-C12-200505076]

1. Pursuant to Aliant Telecom's ("Aliant" or "the Company") letter of 2005 09 19, the Company wishes to advise the Commission and parties to this proceeding where references have been made in its submissions to the findings from the NBI/Michael Sone Associates, *Canadian Local Telecommunications Services Market Report*, 2004 Edition, November 2004 report. There is only one such reference, namely at paragraph 34 of the Attachment 1 of Aliant's June 22, 2005 submission. In this paragraph, the Company noted that: " NBI/Michael Sone Associates also predict substantial growth in VoIP residential subscriber numbers. By the end of 2007, 9% of residential subscribers in Canada will be VoIP customers, of which 73% is expected to be held by cable companies and other non-ILECs", and cited the NBI/Sone Associates report as the source for this statement.
2. A machine-readable file copy of this submission is provided to the Commission and interested parties via Internet email.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stephen", written in a cursive style.

c.c.: Parties to Public Notice 2005-2
C. Seidl, CRTC
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