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Ms. Diane Rhéaume
Secretary General - Telecommunications
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario
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Mirko Bibic Chief, Regulatory Affairs Dear Ms Rhéaume:

Subject: <u>Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2005-2: Forbearance from regulation of local exchange services - Undertaking</u>

- 1. Pursuant to the procedure set out by the Commission in the above-noted proceeding, Bell Canada (or the Company) is filing a response to the undertaking Bell Canada Exhibit #1.
- 2. In accordance with section 39 of the *Telecommunications Act*, the Company submits Exhibit # 1 in confidence with the Commission for the reasons set out therein. An abridged version of the undertaking is provided for the public record.
- 3. A machine-readable file copy of the non-confidential and abridged portions of the above listed undertakings is provided to the Commission and interested parties via Internet email. The confidential portion is provided to the Commission on an IBM formatted disk.

Yours truly.

Who prose

Attachment

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c.c.: CRTC Regional Offices

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RESPONSE TO UNDERTAKING INFORMATION REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER BARBARA CRAM (Transcript Ref: Vol. 1, paragraph 1604)

At Volume 1, paragraph 1604 of the transcript, the Company undertook to provide the number of exchanges Bell Canada has in each rate band and the average number of customers in each exchange in each rate band.

The Company is providing the number of Network Access Service (NAS) connections for each of the four product markets identified in the 22 June 2005 submission of Bell Canada and Télébec, société en commandite. The requested information, based on the Company's in-service NAS results for August 2005, is provided in the attachment.

Forty of the Company's exchanges are comprised of multiple wire centres and in 18 of these, the wire centres within a single exchange are in different rate bands. In each such case, the entire exchange has been categorized according to the highest rate band for that exchange. For example, the Ottawa-Hull exchange has a total of 9 wire centres, one of which is in Band A, while the remaining 8 are in Band B. In the attachment, the Ottawa-Hull exchange is shown as a Band A exchange. This categorization is consistent with the Commission's approach when it calculates market share statistics for inclusion in its annual Report to the Governor in Council.

Information at the band level for all four product markets and in total for each of the business product markets is provided in confidence to the Commission pursuant to section 39 of the *Telecommunications Act*. Release of this information would provide competitively sensitive, disaggregated information to the Company's existing and potential competitors that could be used by them to focus on specific market segments, thereby enabling them to formulate more effective business and marketing strategies. This would result in specific direct harm to the Company. An abridged version is provided for the public record.

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Rate Band (Note)	Bell Canada Res NAS		Average Res NAS per Exchange		Bell Canada Bus PES NAS	Bus PES		Average Bus PES NAS per Exchange	
Α		#		#		#		#	
В		#		#		#		#	
С		#		#		#		#	
D		#		#		#		#	
E		#		#		#		#	
F		#		#		#		#	
G		#		#		#		#	
Σ	7,053,843		7,488			#		#	

Rate Band (Note)		Bell Canada Digital						
	Bell Canada Centrex NAS	Average Centrex NAS per Exchange	Trunk Services NAS	Average DTS NAS per Exchange				
Α	#	#	#	#				
В	#	#	#	#				
С	#	#	#	#				
D	#	#	#	#				
E	#	#	#	#				
F	#	#	#	#				
G	#	#	#	#				
Σ	#	#	#	#				

Rate Band (Note)	Bell Canada Tota Local Exchange NAS		Average Local Exchange NAS per Exchange		Maximum Number of NAS in an Exchange	No. of Exchanges in Rate Band	
Α		#	#	#	#	3	
В		#	#	#	#	53	
С		#	#	#	#	72	
D		#	#	#	#	195	
E		#	#	#	#	330	
F		#	#	#	#	249	
G		#	#	#	#	40	
Σ	10,773,897	11,437				942	

Note: Where an exchange is made up of multiple wire centres, and those wire centres fall into more than one band, the entire exchange is assumed to be in the highest band for that exchange.

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