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

Subject: Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2006-4, *Proceeding to establish a national do not call list framework and to review the telemarketing rules – Application for Costs of Mr. Mark Obermeyer*

1. TELUS Communications Inc. (“TELUS”) is in receipt of an application for costs from Mr. Mark Obermeyer, dated 10 May 2006 and received 18 May 2006. Pursuant to Section 44 of the *CRTC Telecommunication Rules of Procedure* (“the Rules”). TELUS herein provides its response to Mr. Obermeyer’s application for costs.
2. To qualify for a cost award, an applicant must demonstrate according to section 44(1) of the Rules that they meet the following three criteria;
 - a) the applicant has, or is representative of a group or class of subscribers that has, an interest in the outcome of the proceeding of such a nature that the intervener or group or class of subscribers will receive a benefit or suffer a detriment as a result of the order or decision resulting from the proceeding;
 - b) the applicant has participated in a responsible way; and
 - c) has contributed to a better understanding of the issues by the Commission.
3. While TELUS is unclear as to whether Mr. Obermeyer represents other consumers specifically, TELUS considers that Mr. Obermeyer demonstrated an interest in the outcome of the proceeding, acted responsibly and contributed to a better understanding of

some of the issues in the proceeding. Moreover, TELUS notes that the costs claimed by Mr. Obermeyer relate to his personal attendance and participation in the proceeding.

4. Accordingly, TELUS does not object to Mr. Obermeyer's cost application. TELUS is satisfied that Mr. Obermeyer participated responsibly and contributed to a better understanding of the issues of persons negatively impacted by unsolicited telemarketing calls.
5. TELUS recommends that the respondents to Mr. Obermeyer's cost application include the cable companies (Rogers and Shaw) and MTS/Allstream. TELUS notes that these parties have a significant interest in the outcome of the proceeding and participated actively in the oral and/or written portions of the proceeding.
6. TELUS further recommends that the costs be apportioned in the same manner adopted by the Commission in Telecom Cost Order 2005-2, namely that the incumbent local exchange carriers (ILEC)s and MTS/Allstream be responsible for 75% of the costs based on their telecommunications operating revenues (TORs) and the cable companies be responsible for the remaining 25%.

Yours truly,

{original signed by Willie Grieve}

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