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

Re: Filing of 2004 Phase III Results

With respect to the filing of 2004 Phase III results, Northwestel requests that the Commission approve use of the Company's 2002 study of its transport facilities for use in the 2004 results, so that the Company is able to receive audited approval of its 2005 Phase III results, as required by the Commission. As per the procedures set out in the Phase III manual (page B4-8 under Responsibility) Northwestel was to update the *TwoWay Voice Channels Kilometres* study in 2005, however the Company is seeking a delay in this requirement until the 2006 review of Phase III results due to extenuating circumstances. Northwestel staff member responsible for this study passed away suddenly in April 2005, and due to limited resources, the Company was not able to complete the study.

Northwestel apologizes for this inconvenience.

Yours truly,

Dallas Yeulett
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cc: Jim Mackay, CRTC