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Mrs. Debbie Girard
General Manager
Ontario Telecommunications Association
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Dear Mrs. Girard:

I refer to your application of January 30, 2004, submitted by the Ontario Telecommunication Association ("OTA") on behalf of its members (listed below), for spectrum licences authorizing the provision of Personal Communications Services (PCS).

As you are aware, the Department, following a 1995 comparative review process, awarded, among other licences, paired "D" block (5 MHz + 5 MHz) spectrum licences, in the 1.9 GHz frequency band. As the result of this process, unassigned D Block PCS spectrum remained in certain geographical areas.

Earlier this year, the OTA members filed applications for this spectrum in their telephone service areas. I am pleased to provide the OTA members identified in your application with our approval in principle for the above noted request. Final approval of your request is subject to each OTA member providing the Department with the necessary ownership and control documentation.

Upon determining that the ownership and control documentation demonstrates compliance with the Canadian ownership and control rules, the Department will issue licences to the OTA members for the PCS "D" block spectrum in their telephone service areas.

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The licences will be subject to the fees outlined in *Gazette Notice No. DGRB-005-03 - Radio Authorization Fees for Wireless Telecommunication Systems that Operate in the Radio Frequency Bands 824.040 MHz to 848.970 MHz, 869.040 MHz to 893.970 MHz or 1850 MHz to 1990 MHz.*

If you have any questions, please contact Marie-France Marquis, Acting Manager, Wireless Networks at (613) 990-4805.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan Skora". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Jan Skora
Director General
Radiocommunications and
Broadcasting Regulatory Branch

Attachment

c.c.: Mr. Lorne H. Abugov

Ontario Telecommunications Association Members

Amtelecom Inc.

Brooke Telecom Co-operative Limited

Execulink Telecom Inc.

Gosfiled North Communications Co-operative Limited

Hay Communications Co-operative Limited

Huron Telecommunications Co-operative Limited

The Landsdowne Rural Telephone Co. Ltd.

Mornington Communications Co-operative Limited

Nexicom Telecommunications Inc.

Nexicom Telephones Inc.

North Frontenac Telephone Corporation Limited

North Renfrew Telephone Co. Ltd.

Peoples Telephone Company of Forest Inc.

Quadro Communications Co-operative Inc.

Roxborough Telephone Company Limited

Tuckersmith Communications Co-operative Limited

Westport Telephone Company Limited

Wightman Telephone Ltd.