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Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet
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I am writing on behalf of Aecon Utility Engineering to support Bell Canada’s petition to the Government concerning the CRTC’s decision to begin regulating all-fibre broadband networks.

Aecon Utility Engineering delivers total concept-to-completion design and engineering solutions, from feasibility studies and design to construction, inspection and maintenance for the utilities community of which a significant portion of our resources are dedicated to telecommunications. Although based out of Toronto we work nationally and are one of the few providers to offer the diverse range of expertise and skills our clients require to design, build and maintain their infrastructure. AUE has over 100 employees including professional engineers, certified engineering technologists and surveyors. We also have a vibrant co-op program bringing in students from both universities and colleges.

We support Bell’s request to overturn the CRTC’s decision as it is likely to discourage investments in fibre networks across Canada. AUE understands the value that large infrastructure projects can provide, often for decades into the future. We also know that this value is created by large, sometimes risky, investments undertaken by private industry. These investments are critical to the success of AUE as this emerging technology allows us to continue to grow in a sector of the industry that is market driven and demands innovative approaches to design. Regulations that slow or reduce such investments will deprive citizens of the benefits these infrastructure projects can provide. This includes our ability to retain top technical talent as we have heard from our co-ops that working on new exciting technology is a key factor in job satisfaction and if Canada lags behind they will look south.
We therefore encourage the Government to support broadband network investments, and all the Canadian suppliers that play a role in building these networks, by reversing the CRTC’s decision.

Yours truly,

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