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Subject:  Gazette Notice No. DGTP-002-2015  Bell Canada’s Petition Regarding Fibre-To-The-Home

Dear Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet:

On behalf of Canadian Network Installations Inc, I am pleased to convey our support for the above-mentioned Petition, which aims to ensure Canada’s telecommunications regulatory framework supports investment in fibre-to-the-home in all communities.

Access to modern telecommunications infrastructure is central to success across a modern economy. But deploying these networks widely requires large sustained investments that must come from the private sector.

We work with companies that make these kinds of investments, such as Bell Canada, TELUS to name a few, and so we know first-hand the impact of changes to the investment environment such as new regulatory rules. By undermining an already challenging business case, the new rules the CRTC has recently imposed will no doubt result in less investment in building fibre-to-the-home.

This harms not only the communities where these networks will no longer be built but also Canada’s economy. Building, upgrading, and maintaining modern telecommunications infrastructure supports thousands of highly
skilled, good-paying jobs like the ones we employ out of our offices in Markham Ontario, as well as those offered by our partners, and other fellow companies within the sector. More broadly, access to this infrastructure allows Canada to build and sustain a strong digital economy.

We are proud to contribute to the massive investments and innovation taking place in the Canadian communications sector and urge you to restore the established rules that have supported that investment and innovation so far.

Yours truly.

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