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Thank you for the opportunity to provide the government with our comments regarding the recent CRTC decision 2015-326.

Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) is a global company, with approximately 4000 employees across Canada. We offer broad and deep solutions that build on our leading position in infrastructure, software, and services, including wired and wireless networking and the cloud.

As an industry leader in enterprise technology, including high-value networking equipment software, and information technology services in Canada, HPE supports government policies that encourage innovation and enable continued investment in state-of-the-art communication infrastructure technologies. HPE believes that an advanced digital infrastructure is a key driver of improvements across a range of services, both public and commercial, and that fibre broadband deployment is a critical component to Canada’s continued leadership in the digital economy.

HPE is concerned that the CRTC decision could impact investment into network deployment slowing the Crown’s targets to provide broadband access across Canada. We therefore urge the federal government to take into account the impact that
CRTC decision 2015-326 could have on goals to achieve world-class wireless and Internet connectivity and a 21st century infrastructure.

Yours truly,

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