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Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada/Government of Canada
c/o Director, Spectrum Regulatory Best Practices
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To: Director, Spectrum Regulatory Best Practices;


The EOWC and EORN commends the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development for issuing this consultation as it acknowledges the demand and growth for digital connectivity, and recognizes how those demands will impact spectrum allocations. The Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus represents 103 municipalities with a population of close to one million people. The majority of the population of Eastern Ontario reside in areas deemed rural. Connectivity to all of our residents, but especially those in rural areas is vital to their existence. Ensuring that rural residents are not disadvantaged by the distribution of spectrum in the future is paramount.

The Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus and the Eastern Ontario Regional Network Boards would like to extend our appreciation to your ministry for the opportunity to respond to the consultation. Please contact EORN CEO, David Fell - dfell@eorn.ca if you require clarification or additional information pertaining to this submission.

Sincerely,

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