

From: Malcolm Macaulay  
Sent: January 15, 2007 4:06 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Canada Gazette, December 16, 2006

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I'd like to simply say that I want the CRTC to allow a 'level playing field' for Sasktel to compete against powerful competitors (like Shaw Cable) entering our market.  
Thanks you!

Malcolm Macaulay A.Sc.T.  
Engineering Assistant - Structures  
SaskTel Technology Development & Engineering

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From: Penny Matheson  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject:

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I support sasktel decision to fight your decision and hope you will allow a fair playing field for all partys

Penny matheson

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From: Katrina Matz  
Sent: December 19, 2006  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Canada Gazette, Part I, December 16, 2006

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I agree with the proposed action as it is important to create a fair and equitable regulatory environment.

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From: Trevor McDonald  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local telephone service deregulation

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The CRTC has created an unlevel playing field in Canada. They are trying to force certain outcomes in the market, rather than letting consumers and the marketplace decide. The proposals to change the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation are long over due and should hopefully result in the CRTC changing its entire approach to how it regulates telecommunications in Canada.

From: Trevor McGugan  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Just want to stress the importance of creating a fair and equitable regulatory environment

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Good luck.

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From: Pat Mckenzie  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local Telephone Service deregulation

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I am sending you this email as part of the public consultation process with respect to the federal government's proposal to re-write the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation. I fully support the proposals.

Regards,

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Pat McKenzie, Carrier Services Director  
SaskTel Carrier Services Group

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From: Wayne McLean  
Sent: January 15, 2007 10:11 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local telephone service deregulation

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I am sending you this email as part of the public consultation process with respect to the federal government's proposal to re-write the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation. I fully support the proposals.

Wayne McLean

From: Kevin Mctavish  
Sent: January 16, 2007 11:37 AM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local Telephone Service Deregulation

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To whom it may concern:

In response to the Canada Gazette Notice regarding the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation. I want you to know that I believe that Canadians will be better served by less regulation and more reliance on market forces. I also support the other initiatives that the federal government has taken to change the way in which the CRTC regulates telecommunications in Canada.

The CRTC has created an unlevel playing field in Canada. They are trying to force certain outcomes in the market, rather than letting consumers and the marketplace decide. The proposals to change the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation are long over due and should hopefully result in the CRTC changing its entire approach to how it regulates telecommunications in Canada.

Thank you for your consideration

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From: Dan Meakin  
Sent: January 16, 2007 12:20 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: CRTC reform a must

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I would like to add my voice to the growing discontent that is brewing over the CRTC's recent forbearance decision regarding local telephone service. Not only do I support a dramatic change in the direction of the CRTC and its blatant disregard for incumbent local dialtone service providers but I wholeheartedly support our Federal government's proposed review of the CRTC and its historical impact on telecommunication companies and their customers. Let the consumer decide with whom they wish to spend their money and allow each and every competitor equal opportunity to compete for those dollars.

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From: John Meldrum  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Gazete Notice

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It goes without saying that I fully support the federal government's proposal to re-write the CRTC's forbearance decision. What I can add from a personal point of view is that I don't know anyone who doesn't support CRTC reform. Whether it be friends, family or customers that I meet when we do our community tours, there is no love lost for the CRTC and the unlevel playing field that they have created as part of their vision of how local competition should unfold in Canada. Every presentation we have made for the last 6 years has included a discussion about federal telecommunications regulation and I dare say that the public's interest is high, both in terms of understanding and in terms of their views that the CRTC rules do not meet their test of fairness. Support for reform of the CRTC even includes friends that use competitor's services! While they may have chosen to use Rogers' cell service, they fully support that choice being made on the basis of competitive offerings, rather than influenced by interventionist regulation.

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From: Debbie Meyers  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Fairness to Sasktel

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I think by allowing competition to come into Saskatchewan and allowing them to charge any price they want and making Sasktel only charge what the law allows is very unfair. Sasktel has had to take a back seat to competition over the years and has stood up pretty well in the market place. However by not being fair and making Sasktel do anything by laws and allowing competition to do whatever they want is definitely is not a fair playing ground for Sasktel. Sasktel has good services and does alot for the province of Saskatchewan and should be allowed to bring and offer services to Saskatchewan people on a fair playing field which they haven't been able to do up to date. It is important for you to create a fair and equitable environment for Sasktel.

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From: Dennis & Darlene Miller  
Sent: January 15, 2007 4:26 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: CTRC Decision On Local Telephone Competition

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Dear Folks!

I believe that the CRTC has created an unlevel playing field with its decision on their rules regarding local telephone competition. The public at large should be able to choose what the marketplace dictates, rather than regulation. I fully support the Federal Government on this and other initiatives to change the way the CRTC regulates telecommunications in Canada.

Yours,

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Dennis & Darlene Miller  
Regina SK

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From: Leah Miller  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Canada Gazette Notice: CRTC Forearance Decision

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I am an employee at SaskTel and upon reading an article in the Canada Gazette, I have decided to email in a response with respect to the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregualtion. I want you to know that I believe that Canadians will be better served by less regulation and more reliance on market forces. I also support the other initiatives that the federal government has taken to change the way in which the CRTC regulates telecommunications in Canada.

Leah Miller  
Regulatory Analyst  
Regulatory Affairs

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From: Tom Myers  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: A level playing feild

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Let's do the right thing!

Our local telecom companies deserve a fair chance. They have provided Canadians with World class service, invested billions in research and infrastructure, brought billions of dollars into Canada, contributed billions to support their communities, employed millions of tax paying Canadians, supported spin off Canadian industry and demonstrated loyalty to Canada. They deserve to play on a level field in their own country so they can continue to be a cornerstone of the Canadian economy.

The markets have evolved, diversified, crossed over and merged to the point that they are completely changed. Big multinational organizations threaten to take the business, the revenue and the jobs out of Canada. They are the big and dominating players. Lets not help them by crippling their prey.

Everyone in Canada is watching and will judge you by your actions.  
Please do the right thing!

Tom Myers  
Concerned Citizen

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From: Edie Naimi  
Sent: December 18, 2006  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Canada Gazette, Part I, December 16, 2006

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I support the proposal to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision.

Edie Naimi

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From: Janice Nistor  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Canada Gazette, Part I, December 16, 2006

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Hi there,

I wanted to express my opinion on local telephone service de regulation. I believe this is important in order to create a fair and equitable regulatory environment. As a customer of SaskTel I feel regulation is not in the best interests of customers. I believe de regulation will result in better customer prices and believe de regulation will create an environment where any phone company can compete on their own merits.

Janice and Robert Nistor

From: Bob Novakowski  
Sent: January 15, 2007 3:21 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local Telephone Service

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Sir/Madam,

I am sending you this email as part of the public consultation process with respect to the federal government's proposal to re-write the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation. I fully support the proposals.

Bob Novakowski  
Regina, Saskatchewan

From: Donna Obleman  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: CRTC's forbearance decision - local telephone service in Saskatchewan

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To whom it may concern,

Local telephone service deregulation is very important to Saskatchewan and SaskTel. This is the only way SaskTel will be able to compete on a FAIR AND LEVEL playing field.

I fully support the proposal to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision. By continuing to tie SaskTel's hands with forbearance, you continue to drive nails into Canadian companies' coffins - please let us thrive, grow and continue to be one of the top 100 companies to work for in Canada.

Thank you,  
Donna Obleman  
Regina, SK

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From: Klaus Ottenbreit  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Proposal to re-write the CRTC's forbearance decision

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am sending you this e-mail to give you my view that I fully support your proposal to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision. Creating a level playing field should be in the best interests of Canada. I believe that the marketplace will better serve consumers and businesses if your proposals to change the rules for deregulating local telephone service become law. I also support the other initiatives that the federal government has taken to change the way in which the CRTC regulates telecommunications in Canada. The proposals to change the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation are long over due and should hopefully result in the CRTC changing its entire approach to how it regulates telecommunications in Canada.

Klaus Ottenbreit

From: Shawn Overs  
Sent: January 16, 2007 9:34 AM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision

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I would like to express my opinion that local telephone service should be deregulated so all companies can compete without unfair advantages or disadvantages.

The current regulation of telephone services has creates an unfair playing field that is not in customers best interest.

Shawn Overs

From: Carly Patryluk  
Sent: January 15, 2007 4:25 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Equal Opportunity

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I believe SaskTel has the same rights as other communication providers to be able to compete in a fair and equitable market. SaskTel should not have any different regulations to follow and should have the ability to position their products and services as competitively as any other company in the market place.

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From: Perry Patryluk  
Sent: January 15, 2007 3:46 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local Telephone Service Deregulation

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This e-mail is in response to the Canada Gazette notice with respect to the CRTC's rules on local telephone deregulation. I support the government's proposal to create a level playing field for all competitors by overturning the CRTC's Forbearance decision. Less regulation is a good thing!

Perry Patryluk  
Regina Sask

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From: Paula 15  
Sent: January 15, 2007 9:56 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local telephone service deregulation

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I am writing in reponse to the public gazette notice proposing changes to the framework for local telephone service deregulation. I believe that Canada will be better served by your proposals that the CRTC regulating competing parties differently.

From: Laura Phipps  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local telephone service deregulation

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The CRTC has created an unlevel playing field in Canada. They are trying to force certain outcomes in the market, rather than letting consumers and the marketplace decide. The proposals to change the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation are long over due and should hopefully result in the CRTC changing its entire approach to how it regulates telecommunications in Canada.

Laura Phipps, CMA.

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From: Shawn Pollock  
Sent: December 18, 2006  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Canada Gazette, Part I, December 16, 2006

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Sir,

I wish to recognize the current federal government/cabinet, and in particular Minister Bernier, for their correct decision to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision concerning local telephone service. De-regulating the local telephone service will enable local market forces to run their natural course. In my opinion, this will ultimately let my local telephone company provide me with the services I need at a price I can afford. Over regulation inhibits natural market forces, and time spent managing the regulation is time better spent making my services better and cheaper. This decision should be commended, and I am confident that I, as a consumer, will benefit from the government's decision in this area.

Regards,

Shawn C. Pollock

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From: Sandy Ram  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject:

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Good afternoon,

I send this to your attention to let you know that me and my family support the proposal to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision.

Allowing market and more natural interventions the opportunity to guide how telecommunications services evolve is what is best for the people of saskatchewan and canada.

Thanks for the opportunity to share this view which I know is echoed by many across the country.

Sandy Ram  
Regina, Sask

From: Desiree Rattray  
Sent: January 15, 2007 4:25 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local Telephone Service

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I support your proposals to change the rules for deregulating local telephone service.

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Desiree Rattray  
Marketing Analyst  
SaskTel Consumer Solutions

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From: Darlene Richardson  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: fair and equitable regulatory environment

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I have worked for SaskTel for 20 years and this is one the greatest companies to work for . How do we run a company when there are so many rules that apply to us , up to this point we have done a pretty darn good job but things are going to get really tough very shortly  
I would like to see the economic regulation - overturned for the telephone companies.

We have followed rules for years , allowing competitors to come in and do what ever they like

SaskTel would like to have a fair playing ground for our customers. we are 100% focused on customer satisfaction, and it is extremely hard to be focus on our customers when we are not able to have a winback strategy for 3 months, We cannot offer promotions or have the ability to waive a service connection charge of \$75.00 when we have a customer wanting to come back to us from a competitor. How fair is that to the customer, - the customer wants our service and we are told we have to bill them , even though our competitors do not have to have the same rules.

Communication services are going to change drastically in the next few years, and if we are not able to compete with everyone else, we will lose market share and many valuable jobs in Saskatchewan.  
This decision affects customers, workers, tax payers, businesses. everyone

thank you for listening

Please stand strong and keep in mind as to what our customers really want

Darlene

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From: Tera Roberts  
Sent: January 15, 2007 4:21 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: CRTC Forebearance Decision

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I am sending you this e-mail to give you my views that I fully support your proposal to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision. Creating a level playing field should be in the best interests of Canada. They are trying to force certain outcomes in the market, rather than letting consumers and the marketplace decide. The proposals to change the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation are long over due and should hopefully result in the CRTC changing its entire approach to how it regulates telecommunications in Canada.

Thank you,  
Tera Roberts

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From: Arlene Roblin  
Sent: December 22, 2006  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Canada Gazette, Part I, December 16, 2006

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I believe that it is important to allow incumbent communication companies such as SaskTel to compete on a level playing field regarding local access.

Arlene Roblin

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From: Al Rogers  
Sent: January 16, 2007 10:33 AM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: CRTC - Local Telephone Service

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I support the Federal Government initiative to reduce regulation and allow market forces to serve the public in Canada, regards Al Rogers, Regina Sask.

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From: Vivien Sabadka  
Sent: January 15, 2007 5:46 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local telephone service deregulation

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I believe that the market place will better serve consumers & businesses if your proposals to change the rules for deregulating local telephone service become law.

Vivien Sabadka,  
Network Planner,  
SaskTel

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From: Rick Sabadka  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Overturn Forbearance Decision

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I heartily support the proposal to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision. This is the only way we can have true competition.

Thank you,

Rick Sabadka

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From: Tara and Doug Santha  
Sent: January 15, 2007 11:11 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local Telephone Service Deregulation

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I am sending this email in response to the notice for public consultation with respect to the federal government proposal to change the rules on local telephone service. I believe it is better to rewrite the CRTC rules on forbearance and allow a level playing field in Canada. I support the proposals.

From: Grant Sawchuck  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: local telephone service deregulation & importance of creating a fair and equitable regulatory environment

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To whom it may concern;

It seems to me that incumbents seem to be dealt a poor hand. Sasktel has had to build up its network the same as any other company. The playing surface should be equal. Usually startup companies have the backing of much larger Corporations than SaskTel, yet they get the wild card! If we were playing Texas Holdem, every player pays the same amount, whether you are big, small, rich or otherwise, while still having a couple of cards to keep the others guessing.

This is why I support the proposal to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision.

Grant Sawchuk

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From: Garey Schlecter  
Sent: January 15, 2007 5:04 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: CRTC Decision 2006-15

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I support your proposals to change the rules for deregulating local telephone service to allow incumbent phone companies such as SaskTel to compete on a level playing field.

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From: Bob Schmidt  
Sent: January 15, 2007 6:17 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local telephone service deregulation

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As a employee of SaskTel, I support the proposal to re-write the Forebearance decision to reform the CRTC's regulation of telecommunications

- I am sending you this email to give you my views that I fully support the proposal to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision. Creating a level playing field should be in the best interests of Canada.
- I support the proposals to change the rules for deregulating local telephone service.
- I believe that the marketplace will better serve consumers and businesses if the proposals to change the rules for deregulating local telephone service become law.
- I am writing in response to the public gazette notice proposing changes to the framework for local telephone service deregulation. I believe that Canada will be better served by the proposals than the CRTC regulating competing parties differently.
- I am sending you this email as part of the public consultation process with respect to the federal government's proposal to re-write the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation. I fully support the proposals.
- This email is in response to the Canada Gazette Notice with respect to the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation. I want you to know that I believe that Canadians will be better served by less regulation and more reliance on market forces. I also support the other initiatives that the federal government has taken to change the way in which the CRTC regulates telecommunications in Canada.
- The CRTC has created an unlevel playing field in Canada. They are trying to force certain outcomes in the market, rather than letting consumers and the marketplace decide. The proposals to change the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation are long over due and should hopefully result in the CRTC changing its entire approach to how it regulates telecommunications in Canada.
- As the minister said in his press release, the federal government's proposal to change the CRTC's forbearance decision will create a level playing field among competitors. This is a development that I support.

Bob Schmidt

From: Joanne Shultz  
Sent: January 16, 2007 12:39 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local Telephone Service deregulation

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I am sending you this email to give you my views that I fully support your proposal to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision. Creating a level playing field should be in the best interests of Canada.

I support your proposals to change the rules for deregulating telephone service.

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From: Larry Sigfusson  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local Telephone Service Deregulation

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I believe it is important to have a level playing field for all players, whether they are local incumbents, new start ups, or Crown Corporations. The decision to overturn the CRTC forbearance ruling is the correct response.

The current framework and CRTC mindset does not reflect the reality of Telecommunications and the rapidly evolving merger of technologies to serve the consumer. The flexibility to adjust rates is critical to providing the consumer (who is after all a voter), with a product or products that serve their needs for a fair value.

Yours truly,  
Larry Sigfusson

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From: Naveen Singh  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Canada Gazette, Part I, December 16, 2006

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Hello,

I am sending this email to indicate that I am in support of local telephone deregulation.

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From: Paul Singh  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local Telephone Service De-regulation

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As parts of your efforts to reform the CRTC's regulation of telecommunications, I support your government's proposal to change the rules for deregulating local telephone service.

Paul Singh

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From: Patrick Skinner  
Sent: January 15, 2007 4:48 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Canada Gazette Notice & Local Telephone Service

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to let you know that I fully support your proposal to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision.

I firmly believe that all Canadians would be better served by less regulation, especially where regulation results in the creation of an uneven playing field. I believe the CRTC is trying to force certain outcomes in the marketplace, and in so doing, they have done Canadians a disservice by eliminating the advantages gained by allowing market forces to determine fair prices and services for consumers. The CRTC's regulation of service may have had weight in the old-technology world where primary telcos had a monopoly on the delivery of telecommunication services to consumers, but in the world of today (and tomorrow), the technology that is used for telecommunications is the same as is used for data communications. Why then would telecommunication providers be regulated while data communication providers not (when the technology and communication transport mechanisms are effectively identical)? This makes absolutely no sense in how communication happens in today's world. Your proposals and initiatives to change the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation are long over due.

In closing, I believe that all Canadians will be better served by your proposals to allow greater reliance on market forces than by the continuing outdated regulation that is unevenly enforced by the CRTC. I fully support your proposals.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Skinner, B.Sc.  
Client Technology Manager

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From: Vivian Slinn  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Views on Local Telephone Service

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Please help others to understand the importance of creating a fair and equitable regulatory environment in the province of Saskatchewan with respect to local competition.

I support the proposal to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision.

Vivian Slinn  
Regina, Saskatchewan

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From: Garth Sliva  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: CRTC Decision 2006-15

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Garth Sliva

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From: Kevin Spelay  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local telephone service deregulation

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The CRTC has created an unlevel playing field in Canada. They are trying to force certain outcomes in the market, rather than letting consumers and the marketplace decide. The proposals to change the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation are long over due and should hopefully result in the CRTC changing its entire approach to how it regulates telecommunications in Canada.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Spelay

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From: Nancy Stoeber  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: local telephone service deregulation

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Nancy Stoeber, I am a SaskTel employee in the city of Regina in Saskatchewan. I support the proposals to change the rules for deregulating local telephone service.

Nancy Stoeber  
Land Negotiator  
Land & Easements Dept.  
SaskTel

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**From:** Perry Sullivan  
**Sent:** January 15, 2007  
**To:** Telecom Submissions  
**Subject:** Canada Gazette, Part I, December 16, 2006

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To whom it may concern,

I support the proposal to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision as I feel it is the right thing to do to create a fair and equitable regulatory environment for all concerned, including incumbent telephone companies.

Sincerely,

Perry Sullivan

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**Perry Sullivan, C.Tech**

Systems Security Director

Corporate Services

SaskTel

From: Leanne Sumners  
Sent: January 15, 2007 3:19 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Proposal to Re-write the CRTC's forbearance decision

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Leanne Sumners, B.Comm  
Market Manager - Wholesale  
SASKTEL Carrier Relations

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From: Dawn Thomas  
Sent: December 19, 2006  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Canada Gazette, Part I, December 16, 2006

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Re: Canada Gazette, Part I, December 16, 2006

To Whom It May Concern,

I support the local telephone service deregulation that was recently announced by the government. I think it's unfair when non-local companies can come into a province and under-price the local companies.

Thank you,  
Dawn Thomas

From: Dione Wall  
Sent: January 15, 2007 4:50 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local telephone

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The CRTC has created an unlevel playing field in Canada. They are trying to force certain outcomes in the market rather than letting consumers and the marketplace decide. The Proposals to change the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation are long overdue and should hopefully result in the CRTC changing it's entire approach to how it regulates telecommunications in Canada.

I feel that the CRTC has gotten out of control and are blatantly trying to suppress companies they don't like and help along companies they do. They feel that the "Underdog" needs a chance. Well in the example of SaskTel and Shaw in Saskatchewan, all they need to do is look at the books. Shaw's profit margin is already 10 times that of SaskTel's and yet the CRTC is constantly trying to hold back a company that is tried and true and is a leader in service and products. Isn't SaskTel the "Underdog" then?

CRTC's actions have the ability to hinder Crown Corporations resulting in even lower profit margins than already exist. If that happens the Opposition will pounce on it and the idea of selling the Crowns. If the Crowns sell, then all of the dividends which the Crowns pay to the Provinces will be lost. If THAT happens, the money has to come from somewhere to make up for it, and where will that come from? Why, the taxpayers of course. Meanwhile companies like Shaw, will be laughing all the way to their American banks. Why does the CRTC hold back companies that benefit the Canadian Taxpayers and pave the way for American Companies? Don't we, as Canadians deserve to benefit from the money we pay in?

Thank you.

Dione Wall

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**From:** Charlen Werry  
**Sent:** January 15, 2007 1:52 PM  
**To:** Telecom Submissions  
**Subject:** CRTC

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I am writing you to lend my support to Minister Bernier's proposal to re-write the CRTC's Forebearance decision. Clearly the CRTC does not have a belief in the operation of markets, but rather believe that they are able to regulate competition. By taking this approach, the CRTC creates an unlevel playing field which is not to anyone's advantage. I look foreward to the CRTC's role in telecommunications adapting to the realities of today's telecom industry and a level playing field being created among the participants in that market.

From: Paul Whelan  
Sent: January 15, 2007 5:18 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: RE:Canada Gazette, Part I, December 16, 2006

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I wish to express my strong support for the government's proposal to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision in regards to regulation of local telephone service. There already exists a healthy level of competition within the telecommunications industry in Canada which makes the CRTC's forbearance regulation unnecessary. It is in the best interest of Canadians that all service providers are able to compete in an open market unencumbered by regulation that results in higher prices and delays in launching new services that consumers are demanding.

Paul Whelan  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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From: Gil White  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Proposal to re-write the CRTC's forbearance decision

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Mr. Gil White

From: Elvis Wilk  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Canada Gazette, Local Telephone Service Deregulation

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As an employee of SaskTel, I support the proposals to change the rules for deregulating local telephone service. I believe that the revised framework will rely more on market forces and benefit our customers even further.

I believe in letting consumers and the marketplace decide.

Thank you.

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From: Allison Wills  
Sent: January 15, 2007 4:13 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: CRTC Reform

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To Whom It May Concern,

The CRTC has created an unlevel playing field in Canada. They are trying to force certain outcomes in the market, rather than letting consumers and the marketplace decide. The proposals to change the CRTC's rules on local telephone service deregulation are long over due and should hopefully result in the CRTC changing its entire approach to how it regulates telecommunications in Canada.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my view.

Sincerely,

Allison J. Wills  
Lumsden, SK  
Canada

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From: Owen Winter  
Sent: January 15, 2007 4:17 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: CRTC Forbearance Decision

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Dear Sir

I fully support your government's decision to overturn the CTC's forbearance rules on local telephone service.

Keep up the good work!

Owen

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From: Bob Woolard  
Sent: January 16, 2007 1:44 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Free enterprise

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As a consumer I feel that the government should make every effort to create an environment where the marketplace determines costs. To regulate the telephone industry in such a manner that would appear to create an unlevel playing field goes against all principles of the free market. Understandably, some corporations are larger than others, and if that happens to be the issue there are already regulations in place to deal with these issues.e.g.. Combine legislation. When one corporation is forced to set rates according to marketplace share or size, in a competitive market, this serves only to hurt the consumer. It also leaves the impression of "pork barrelling" and "glad handing" with regards to the "preferred" competitors, who would lobby that they cannot compete. The integrity and respect that our politicians would love to have is seriously eroded. If these lobbyists who seem to have the ear of the CRTC cannot compete, there are other avenues of business. Please allow the marketplace determine who should serve the customers, and let the consumer reap the benefits.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: Ken Yick  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject:

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Good afternoon:

I am writing in regards to the pending decision to grant telecommunications companies, forbearance in the local telephony market. I believe in a competitive marketplace but the CRTC approach of restricting telcos from competing in a meaningful manner is not in the best interests of the consumer, especially in Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan has a population of about 1 million, about half live outside our two major cities. Shaw has no intention of providing telephony services to marginal revenue locations outside Saskatoon. SaskTel's mandate has been to provide all residents of Saskatchewan with affordable and competitive telecommunications services. Shaw is only interested in cream skimming urban centers where there are high profit margins. How will this business practice impact the rural customers? Will they continue to have affordable telephone and internet services? Will these rural customers even have access to the same telecommunications services as their urban counterparts if SaskTel's revenues are eroded as a result. The telco is not asking for special treatment, they just want the ability to compete on a level playing field.

Shaw Cable does not need a competitive advantage. This is a company with annual cashflow in the hundreds of millions. Very little of this cashflow stays in the province of Saskatchewan. SaskTel has always demonstrated a huge community commitment by supporting community businesses and organizations. SaskTel's annual community sponsorships far outstrips any of it's competitive counterparts. The people of Saskatchewan are the benefactor of SaskTel's community involvement.

In summary, all that we ask is that you let competitive market forces determine the price of telecommunications products and services. The creation of artificial markets are not sustainable and are not in the best interests of the consumer and the people of Saskatchewan.

Regards

Ken Yick

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From: Renee Young  
Sent: January 15, 2007  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Canada Gazette, Part I, December 16, 2006 - Forbearance Decision

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I support the federal government in their proposal to allow incumbent phone companies such as SaskTel to compete on a level playing field. I feel that it is important for the residents of Saskatchewan, who choose to support their local phone company, to benefit from the competitive rates that other providers are allowed by the CRTC to offer. Therefore, I feel it is imperative that the federal government overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision.

Renee Young  
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SaskTel Business Sales & Solutions  
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From: Barry Ziegler  
Sent: January 15, 2007 11:05 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Forbearance

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As part of your efforts to reform the CRTC's regulation of telecommunications, I support your government's proposal to re-write the Forbearance decision.

Thank you.

Barry Ziegler & family  
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From: Brian Zimmerman  
Sent: January 15, 2007 3:28 PM  
To: Telecom Submissions  
Subject: Local telephone service deregulation

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- I am sending you this e-mail to give you my views that I fully support your proposal to overturn the CRTC's forbearance decision. Creating a level playing field should be in the best interests of Canada.

Brian Zimmerman  
Regina, Sk