



April 7, 2009

Mr. Leonard St-Aubin
Director General
Telecommunications Policy Branch
Industry Canada
6th Floor, 300 Slater Street
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0C8

Dear Mr. St-Aubin,

Re Consultation Paper on the Possible Use of the Extended-Ku Spectrum Bands for Direct-to-Home (DTH) Satellite Broadcasting Services

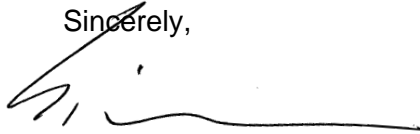
Ciel Satellite Limited Partnership (Ciel) is pleased to provide these comments in response to Industry Canada's Consultation Paper on the Possible Use of the Extended-Ku Spectrum Bands for Direct-to-Home (DTH) Satellite Broadcasting Services, DGTP-003-08, issued December 2008.

Ciel has reviewed Industry Canada's consultation paper and submits that the current spectrum utilization policies should be changed to accommodate the provisioning of DTH services in the Extended Ku frequency bands. These changes are required to support the urgent demand for additional satellite capacity to meet the objectives of the Canadian broadcasting policy; the extended Ku radio spectrum is a viable short-term solution to meet this demand.

Ciel notes that there are comparatively few terrestrial transmitters licensed to operate in the Extended Ku band and that these existing users will have ample opportunity to migrate to viable alternatives over the three year time horizon associated with the deployment of a new satellite.

In Ciel's view, the public interest will be best served by the immediate implementation of the spectrum policy changes required to accommodate more satellite capacity in the Extended Ku band. Further delay will only serve to frustrate the policy objectives of rolling out new HDTV services and the addition of new Canadian specialty services.

Sincerely,

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Scott Gibson
Vice President & General Counsel
Ciel Satellite Limited Partnership

cc: Telesat