



Canadian Association of Broadcasters
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Via Email: wireless@ic.gc.ca

Ms. Pamela Miller
Director General
Telecommunications Policy Branch
Industry Canada
300 Slater Street
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0C8

Dear Ms. Miller:

Re: **Canada Gazette Notice DGTP-010-09**

The Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) supports the RABC's recent request to extend until 31 March 2010 the deadline for public submissions relating to Canada Gazette Notice DGTP-010-09 ("*Consultation on the Spectrum Allocations and Spectrum Utilization Policies for the Frequency Range 1435-1525 MHz (L-Band)*").

Associations such as the CAB and the RABC are obliged to prepare responses to Industry Canada's gazette notices via internal committee review and wide-ranging consultations with their members. Since Notice DGTP-010-09 was released just prior to the holidays, it was not possible to even begin these processes until last week, due to committee member unavailability. Even if the holidays had not intervened, it would have been difficult for the CAB to prepare a well-considered submission within 60 days.

Given that the issues raised in this public consultation are of considerable importance to our radio members, we would ask you to give favourable consideration to the RABC's request and to communicate your decision in this regard as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Pierre-Louis Smith
Vice-President, Policy & Chief Regulatory Officer

cc. Mr. Roger Poirier, RABC Ottawa
Mr. Anthony Caruso, CBC Engineering Montreal
CAB Technical WG