

May 31, 2006

Mr. Kevin Lynch
Clerk of the Privy Council
and Secretary to the Cabinet
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Dear Mr. Lynch:

**Petition to the Governor in Council pursuant to Section 12 of the
Telecommunications Act regarding Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-15**

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission issued Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-15, *Forbearance from the Regulation of Retail Local Exchange Services* on April 6, 2006. In this Decision, the CRTC specified the degree of deregulation of local exchange services that the Commission is eventually willing to grant to the traditional telephone companies, the conditions that each of these companies must meet before such deregulation is approved, and the process that each must follow to achieve this result. On all counts, the Decision ignores the intense competition among telecommunications service providers that the business community experiences first hand. It also is completely at odds with the recommendations of the Telecommunications Policy Review Panel.

If the Commission's Decision is left unaltered, Canadian businesses and institutions will be denied the innovation and productivity-enhancing benefits of a fully competitive telecommunications services market for an indeterminate period. The Coalition for Competitive Telecommunications therefore requests that the Governor in Council, under its powers described in section 12 of the *Telecommunications Act*, move quickly to refer this Decision back to the Commission for reconsideration.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair
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