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Dear Sir:

RE: Canada Gazette, Part I, notice dated June 8, 2006, introduced in the House on June 13, 2006 and listed in Canada Gazette as Vol. 140, No. 24 on June 17, 2006

ORDER UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT –
POLICY DIRECTION TO THE CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

NRTC Communications (NRTC) is a small telecommunications provider operating primarily in the Pembroke area of Eastern Ontario. NRTC, through its own facilities, provides local telephone service, internet access and long distance service in its Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) area, as well as local competitive telephone service, internet access and long distance service in Bell Canada exchanges through various wholesale arrangements with other telecommunication providers.

NRTC fully supports the following specific recommendations made by Mr. Keith Stevens of Execulink Telecom in his submission of July 12, 2006:

1) The first change is to require the CRTC when determining if they can rely on market forces to take into account the effects on the smaller providers. In particular do not rely on market forces if the incumbent could use their market dominance and economic power to force their competition to stop offering the service.

2) The second recommended change is to require the CRTC to not remove mandated access to any wholesale service that is not universally competitive or where competitors are not able to install their own equipment.

With the exception of these two changes, NRTC supports the broad objectives of the proposed Policy Direction.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SL', is positioned above the typed name.

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