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*RE: Order under Section 8 of the Telecommunications Act – Policy Direction to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission.*

Dear Sir:

The Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation (OCRI) is writing in response to the Gazette Notice - Canada Gazette Part I June 17, 2006, pp. 1606- 161, to endorse the policy direction to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission. We congratulate the Minister on taking this important first step.

In April 2005, the Government appointed the Telecommunications Policy Review Panel to examine the policy and regulatory framework and make recommendations that would help ensure that Canada has a strong, internationally competitive telecommunications industry, with world-class services for the economic and social benefit of all Canadians. OCRI worked with our members and provided input to the Telecommunications Policy Review Panel through the consultative process in the fall of 2005.

OCRI agrees that the proposed Policy Direction would formally and transparently lay out the Government's vision for the telecommunications regulatory regime, a regime where market forces are relied on to the maximum extent feasible; regulation is minimally intrusive and clearly identifies the policy objectives which regulatory measures are intended to advance; and reduction or streamlining of regulation is continuously pursued.

In addition to the Policy Direction, key to OCRI's member interests are the additional recommendations the panel made in a number of other areas, especially the development of an ICT adoption strategy and the delivery of affordable and reliable broadband services in all regions of Canada. OCRI understands that these recommendations involve complex issues that may require additional consultation, however, we encourage the Minister to act quickly on responding to all of the recommendations put forward by the Telecommunications Policy Review.

Yours truly,



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