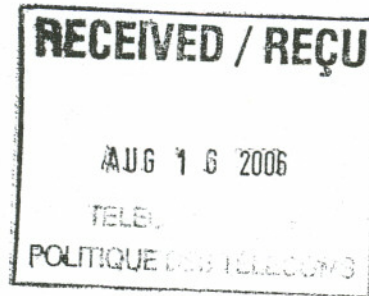


10 August 2006

The Hon. Maxime Bernier
Minister of Industry
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Dear Minister,

Re: *Canada Gazette*, Part I – June 17, 2006

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

We are writing to endorse the policy direction that was issued for comment in the *Canada Gazette* and to congratulate you on responding so promptly to one of the recommendations of the Telecommunications Policy Review Panel.


We had written to you on 31 May to urge you to implement the key recommendations of the Panel. We were pleased to read your announcement on your intention to implement these recommendations and to take this important first step in directing the CRTC to “rely on market forces to the maximum extent feasible and regulate where there is still a need to do so, in a manner that interferes with market forces to the minimum extent necessary.”

We look forward to the implementation of this policy direction and subsequent legislative changes as recommended by the Panel.

Yours truly,



Roger L. Martin
Chairman



James B. Milway
Executive Director

→ cc. Leonard St. Aubin
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