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The KRG would like to discuss Guiding Principle 2. The relative utility of different spectrum bands. The KRG in principle agrees that different bands have various appeal, demand and characteristics associated with them.

In paragraph 33 and 34, the KRG would like to bring about the issue of user density. Canada can broadly be associated as a country with three types of regions. Urban, Rural and Remote. Each region can have their own subcategories. In the Remote regions, there is concern that the extremely low subscriber counts are not reflected in the pricing matrix especially at the lower bands. While these bands may be in high demand in the Urban and Rural regions, they are less in demand in the Remote regions. The KRG would like to request that the Department consider uniqueness of some of the Remote regions with the low population, and their ability to pay for ongoing licenses in the lower bands without resorting to subsidies. Being able to bring about point to point links across the land to provide emergency services to people hunting, fishing and gathering needs to be done as efficiently as possible and to ensure that license fees are not put out of reach of the Remote locations with extremely low revenues vis a vis the Urban areas where there is high demand for the spectrum.

The KRG is in support of Guiding Principle 3. The proposed licensing mechanism is clear and easy to understand.

The KRG wishes to comment on Guiding Principal 4. Periodic Fee Adjustment. KRG has some issues on fee escalations. It should be noted that the Remote regions tend to lag behind compared to their counterparts in the Urban regions when it comes to maintaining standards of living, employment opportunities and economic opportunities.

The KRG would like to ensure that the Remote regions do not get priced out of the spectrum licenses due to market pressures in the more affluent Urban regions.

Minimum fees, Short duration license fees, Prorated fees. The KRG would like to request that the short duration fee be for a period of up to six months as the proposed fee is for a six-month period. For the KRG, this does make sense as the Kativik region is large and does take time to travel through. To travel and spend one day in each of the 14 villages in the Kativik region will take a month as it is all air travel.

