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Dear Spectrum Licensing and Auction Operations Branch,

RE: Canada Gazette, Part I, June 2019, Consultation on a Policy and Licensing Framework for
Spectrum in the 3500 MHz Band, SLPB-002-19

I am writing on behalf of the City of Vancouver in regards to the structure of the upcoming 3500 MHz Band Spectrum Auction. Cities across Canada depend on broadband services to deliver essential services to its citizens and businesses. The upcoming auction is important for the establishment of Canada's 5G market and the structure of the auction will have major implications for competition and pricing of services available through the next generation of network development.

The full benefit of 5G will only be realized if the wireless market is competitive. It is essential that citizens, businesses, non-profits and governments are all able to access a competitive market for 5G services.

Competition and choice will lead to more affordable pricing and will foster more innovation and support local economies. Therefore, we encourage the Canadian government to take steps to support sustainable competition in the market.

To encourage competition, we support an auction framework that provides a legitimate opportunity for all providers, including national, regional and potential new entrants, to serve the 5G market.

Only by pursuing pro-competitive measures can ISED ensure that customers, governments, and businesses have access to affordable prices and improved network performance.

Yours truly,



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