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Attention: Senior Director, Spectrum Licensing and Auction Operations

RE: GAZETTE NOTICE SLPB-004-18: CONSULTATION ON REVISIONS TO THE 3500 MHZ BAND TO ACCOMMODATE FLEXIBLE USE AND PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE 3800 MHZ BAND

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this consultation.

Broadband internet services are vital to the health, welfare and economic sustainability of all Canadians. For many small rural communities, there is often no or limited opportunities to access such services. Providing rural connectivity is essential for growth of local communities in the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD).

It is the SLRD's view that fixed wireless spectrum is an important piece of rural connectivity. Therefore, the SLRD encourages the federal government to ensure the spectrum available for rural broadband networks is maintained at a level that promotes the growth of rural communities.

Thank you for considering our submission.

Sincerely,

Lynda Flynn
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