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Dear Secretary General,

Re Proposal to streamline participation in CRTC proceedings

The undersigned are writing the Commission to ask that it streamline its broadcasting consultations by making two changes to its current practices to enable participants to devote more time to the issues raised in these proceedings.

To begin, the only way for parties currently to determine whether the CRTC has changed the deadlines for or materials posted concerning its consultations is to visit the CRTC's 'Open' Part 1 and Notice of Consultation pages daily or more often. In the case of CRTC requests for information (RFI) or RFI answers, parties must repeatedly download zip files to ascertain whether they contain new materials.

The undersigned therefore ask that the CRTC give parties interested in its broadcasting consultations (including those now underway) the option to sign up for and to receive e-mailed notifications of such changes – whether these concern procedures, deadlines or the contents of the public record – when the CRTC publishes changes on its consultation website pages. This will enable parties in CRTC broadcast proceedings to shift the time they now spend daily checking the status of various proceedings to the substance of the CRTC's proceedings.

Second, the only way for parties to access interventions and replies in the CRTC's broadcasting proceedings currently is to download each intervention and reply, one by one. Downloading individual files is both time-consuming and inefficient when alternatives exist.

The undersigned therefore ask that, while it continues its practice of publishing individual interventions and replies, the CRTC also publish zip files that contain, respectively, all interventions and all replies when there are ten or more such documents. This change will enable parties in CRTC broadcast proceedings to access these documents more efficiently and to shift the time they now spend downloading to review and analysis. On the rare occasions when the CRTC receives and decides to add documents to the public record which it has received 24 hours or more after the relevant deadlines, the CRTC could use its consultation e-mail list to notify parties of such changes.

In a related vein, given the Commission's announcements of several public hearings from March to June 2025, the undersigned also ask that the CRTC, at its earliest convenience, notify those it is inviting to attend the hearings so as to provide those parties with time to re-arrange their schedules and to make economical travel arrangements.

The undersigned appreciate the time of the Commission and its staff in considering this request.

Sincerely,

[Signed by]

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