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To: Mr. John Traversy
Secretary General
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario
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Subject: **Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2013-80, Review of outstanding wholesale high-speed access service issues related to interface rates, optional upstream speed rates, and modem certification requirements – Associated with Bell Aliant Central Tariff Notice 440 and Bell Canada Tariff Notice 7386 – Response to CNOC Extension Request**

Dear Mr. Traversy,

1. Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership (Bell Aliant) and Bell Canada (collectively, the Companies) are in receipt of a letter dated 3 June 2013 from the Canadian Network Operators Consortium Inc. (CNOC) wherein CNOC is seeking an extension to the due date for the filing of comments on the responses to information requests that were filed by the Companies on 31 May 2013 and the additional responses that will be filed by Bell Aliant on 7 June 2013. Specifically, CNOC is requesting an extension of the associated filing date from 21 June 2013 to 8 July 2013, due to the absence of a critical resource. CNOC also states that it does not object to a corresponding extension of the filing date for the reply comments that may be filed by the Companies and Telus Communications Company (TCC) in response to the comments that CNOC will file.

2. The Companies note that they would have been able to file their reply on 28 June 2013 to any comments that would have been filed on 21 June 2013, as per the prescribed procedures set out in Commission staff's 28 May 2013 letter. However, the Companies do not have an issue with CNOC's request for the extension of the due date for the filing of comments to 8 July 2013. In the event the Commission approves the CNOC request, the Companies note that due to the absence of critical resources on their part as well, they too will not be able to file

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their reply comments to address the CNOC comments by 15 July 2013 which would be the due date for that reply based on the time interval for reply set out in the same Commission staff letter. As a result, if the Commission approves the CNOC request to extend the filing date for comments to 8 July 2013, the Companies request that the Commission also permit the Companies to file their reply to those comments by 24 July 2013, as opposed to 15 July 2013, as that date would permit the Companies to address the resource issue. From a procedural point of view, the Companies suggest that, for consistency, the Commission use the same reply date for TCC as well.

Yours truly,

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