

Appendix 1: FMCC submissions to the CRTC and Industry Canada / ISED

Listed here are all the written policy and regulatory interventions made by the First Mile Connectivity Consortium that are available for download. For the complete list of FMCC policy and regulatory activities including other presentations to policy makers, please visit: <http://firstmile.ca/category/fmcc/activities/>

FMCC's response to the Governor in Council's request for a report on future programming distribution models (October 12, 2017) - Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-359. The Governor in Council has issued an Order in Council requesting that the Commission make a report as soon as feasible, but no later than 1 June 2018, on the following matters:

- the distribution model or models of programming that are likely to exist in the future;
- how and through whom Canadians will access that programming; and
- the extent to which these models will ensure a vibrant domestic market that is capable of supporting the continued creation, production and distribution of Canadian programming, in both official languages, including original entertainment and information programming.

FMCC Participation:

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| December 1, 2017 | - Initial Intervention |
| February 13, 2018 | - Final Intervention |

FMCC's response to the Study on Broadband Connectivity in Rural Regions (September, 2017) - The House of Commons, Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology. The House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology is undertaking a study on Broadband Connectivity in Rural Canada and invited interested parties to submit a brief.

FMCC Participation:

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| October 10, 2017 | - Letter & Brief |
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FMCC's response to the Development of the Commission's broadband funding regime (April 25, 2017) - Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-112. The Commission hereby initiates a proceeding to examine matters related to the establishment of the broadband funding regime, including its governance, operating, and accountability frameworks, as well as eligibility and assessment criteria for proposed projects.

FMCC Participation:

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| June 27, 2017 | - Initial Intervention |
| August 25, 2017 | - Reply Comments |
| November 20, 2017 | - Request for Information response |
| December 18, 2017 | - Final Comment |

FMCC's response to Phase-out of the local service subsidy regime (April 6, 2017) - Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-92. The Commission invites comments on its proposed approach to the phase-out of the local service subsidy regime, as well as on associated policies that could have an impact on the subsidy amounts.

FMCC Participation:

June 5, 2017	- Initial Intervention
July 13, 2017	- Interrogatories Questions
August 15, 2017	- Response to Questions
September 21, 2017	- Final Comments

FMCC's response to Part 1 application from Northwestel to CRTC (February 6, 2017) in which the company requested that the Commission refrain, pursuant to section 34 of the Telecommunications Act (the Act), from exercising its powers and performing its duties under sections 25, 27, 29, and 31 of the Act in relation to the Wholesale Connect service provided by Northwestel in the MVFL communities.

FMCC Participation:

March 9, 2017	- Intervention
August 24, 2017	- Telecom Decision CRTC 2017-300

FMCC's Report produced on contract with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) (December 15, 2015). Addressing research on digital technology adoption in remote and northern First Nation and Inuit communities. Summarizing recommendations from the research, including a comprehensive literature review, identification of primary and secondary data sources, appropriate research methodologies with communities, strategies and research questions.

FMCC participation:

March 31, 2016: The final report includes six detailed appendices that are available online at <http://firstmile.ca/report-digital-technology-adoption-in-northern-and-remote-indigenous-communities-in-canada/>

FMCC's response to Review of basic telecommunications services (April 9, 2015) - Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2015-134. The Commission will examine which telecommunications services Canadians require to participate meaningfully in the digital economy and the Commission's role in ensuring the availability of affordable basic telecommunications services to all Canadians. The Commission intends to conduct this review in two phases. In phase 1, the Commission will review its policies regarding basic telecommunications services in Canada. The Commission will also gather information from the industry to better understand which telecommunications services are being

offered across Canada and whether any areas in Canada are underserved or unserved. The Commission invites interventions on the issues and questions identified in the notice. The deadline for filing these initial interventions is 30 June 2015.

In phase 2, which will be initiated in the fall of 2015, the Commission will ask Canadians to provide their opinions on the telecommunications services they consider necessary to participate meaningfully in the digital economy today and in the future. Specific details regarding the scope and procedure for this phase of the proceeding will be released at a later date. Following phase 2, the Commission will hold a public hearing, beginning on 11 April 2016 at 9:00 a.m., at the Conference Centre, Phase IV, 140 Promenade du Portage, in Gatineau, Quebec.

FMCC Participation:

July 14, 2015	- Initial Intervention
September 21, 2015	- Reply to Request for information
September 30, 2015	- Requests for further responses to interrogatories
November 2, 2015	- Requests for additional information
February 1, 2016	- Further Intervention
April, 2016	- Presentation at hearings
May 5, 2016	- Submission of Undertakings requested from FMCC
May 25, 2016	- Final Comments
June 13, 2016	- Final Reply Comments
December 21, 2016	- CRTC Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2016-496

FMCC's response to Review of Telesat Canada's price ceiling for C-band fixed satellite services (April 9, 2015) - Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2015-133. Telesat Canada (Telesat) provides satellite services that enable the delivery of telecommunications services, such as voice, wireless, and Internet services, to Canadians. In Telecom Notice of Consultation 2014-44, the Commission initiated an inquiry to review matters related to satellite transport services, and is publishing the resulting Satellite Inquiry Report today. In light of the findings contained in the Satellite Inquiry Report, the Commission calls for comments on the continued application of a price ceiling, including its level, to Telesat's C-band services. These services are a major cost for providers of telecommunications services in delivering telecommunications services to Canadians in communities where terrestrial transport facilities are unavailable. The Commission also calls for comments on any associated regulatory measures that should be taken.

FMCC Participation:

August 21, 2015	- Initial Intervention
November 16, 2015	- Responses to Questions
January 11, 2016	- Response to CRTC C-Band Market Analysis
April 7, 2016	- Telecom Decision CRTC 2016-127

FMCC's response to Consultation on the Technical, Policy, and Licensing Framework for Advanced Wireless Services in the Bands 1755-1780 MHz and 2155-2180 MHz (AWS-3) (July 28, 2014) - Industry Canada. Through the release of this document, Industry Canada is hereby initiating a consultation on a technical, policy and licensing framework for Advanced Wireless Services (AWS) in the bands 1755- 1780 MHz and 2155-2180 MHz (hereinafter referred to as AWS-3). Comments are being sought on all aspects related to the licensing of this spectrum.

FMCC Participation:

September 4, 2014 - Comments Submission

FMCC's response to Consultation on Policy Changes in the 3500 MHz Band (3475-3650 MHz) and a New Licensing Process in Rural Areas (August 19, 2014) - Industry Canada. In November 2013, Industry Canada published DGSO-004-13, Decisions Concerning the Renewal of 2300 MHz and 3500 MHz Licences (hereafter referred to as the Renewal Decision). The Renewal Decision indicated that the Department would launch a further consultation regarding certain aspects of the 3475-3650 MHz portion of the band (3500 MHz band). To address the demands for this spectrum by both fixed and mobile services, the Department is seeking comments on a number of proposals to enable both services to operate in the 3500 MHz band: (a) a new classification of Tier 4 areas to differentiate between urban and rural areas; (b) a new licensing process to be used for fixed wireless access (FWA) licences; (c) a fundamental reallocation of the 3500 MHz band to introduce mobile services; and (d) a transition policy that could take effect pending decisions made following this consultation.

FMCC Participation:

October 7, 2014 - Comments Submission

FMCC's response to Let's Talk TV: A Conversation with Canadians, Phase 3 (April 24, 2014) - Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2014-190. The Commission launched Phase 3 of Let's Talk TV: A Conversation with Canadians. Phase 3 is a formal review of the television system that draws on the issues and priorities identified by Canadians in Phases 1 and 2. It will include an oral public hearing that began on 8 September 2014. In this notice, the Commission

- provides background information on the Canadian television broadcasting system;
- requests information regarding trends and future developments in television; and
- discusses and calls for comment on various issues and, in some cases, possible approaches for a revised framework for the television system.

The issues are organized according to three public interest outcomes:

- A Canadian television system that fosters choice and flexibility in selecting programming services
- A Canadian television system that encourages the creation of compelling and diverse Canadian programming
- A Canadian television system that empowers Canadians to make informed choices and provides recourse mechanisms in the case of dispute.

FMCC Participation:

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| June 27, 2014 | - Phase 3 Intervention |
| September 18, 2014 | - Oral testimony via Skype (transcript available) |
| October 3, 2014 | - Final Comments |
| March 19, 2015 | - CRTC Decision 2015-96 |

FMCC's response to Appointment of an Inquiry Officer to review matters related to transport services provided by satellite (February 6, 2014) - Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2014-44. The Commission announces the appointment of Commissioner Candice Molnar as an Inquiry Officer pursuant to section 70 of the Telecommunications Act. Commissioner Molnar will conduct an inquiry with respect to the Canadian marketplace for satellite services that are used by telecommunications service providers (TSPs) to provide telecommunications services to Canadians. Commissioner Molnar is expected to complete her review and report her findings to the Commission by October 2014.

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| February 19, 2014 | - Letter introducing Commission to NICSN & research |
| July 8, 2014 | - Initial Intervention |
| September 4, 2014 | - Final Comments |
| October, 2014 | - Satellite Inquiry Report |
| March 4 2015 | - Northwestel Inc. – Tariffs for terrestrial retail Internet services - Telecom Decision CRTC 2015-78 |
| March 4, 2015 | - CRTC lowering rates for Internet services in northern Canada (CRTC News Release) |

Review of Northwestel Inc.'s Regulatory Framework, Modernization Plan, and related matters (December 6, 2012) - Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2012- 669. The Commission initiates a proceeding to review the regulatory framework for Northwestel that will go into effect in 2014, as well as review other related matters, including the company's proposed Modernization Plan, the local service subsidy regime, the local service forbearance framework, and the services used by competitors. The Commission invites comments, with supporting rationale, on the issues raised in this notice by 6 February 2013. The proceeding will include a public hearing, which will begin on 17 June 2013 in Inuvik, Northwest Territories and will last no more than one day at that location. The public hearing will then reconvene on 19 June 2013 in Whitehorse, Yukon and is expected to last approximately two days. Further details will be provided in a follow-up to this notice.

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| February 6, 2013 | - Initial Intervention |
| March 27, 2013 | - Response to request for information |
| June 18, 2013 | - Presentation at CRTC hearings in Whitehorse, Yukon & via videoconference |
| July 8, 2013 | - Final Comments |