

APPENDIX 1: Petition text and signatures

Submission on Petitions to the Governor in Council regarding Telecom Decision CRTC 2021-181, TIPB-002-2021

*OpenMedia is a community-based organization that safeguards the possibilities
of the open Internet.*

September 22, 2021





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PETITION TO FEDERAL CABINET:

We call on Cabinet to immediately overturn the CRTC's May 27 decision on Internet wholesale rates, and permanently reinstate the lower 2019 rates.

The CRTC's decision to raise wholesale rates not only completely abandons its own findings, but is in direct conflict with the government's 2019 policy direction, which prioritized affordability and consumer interests. It also completely undermines the federal government's promises to lower the price of telecom services in Canada.

Under CRTC Chair Ian Scott, the regulator has sided with corporate interests over that of Canadians time and again. The CRTC's job is to regulate Big Telecom – not to coddle them.

You must investigate why the CRTC is failing to act on your 2019 policy direction, and has completely abandoned Canadians in favour of granting Big Telecom's every whim.

Your government is at a crossroads: It can either sit by and do nothing, siding with Big Telecom and the CRTC, or it can reinstate the lower 2019 rates, siding with Canadian Internet users and affordable Internet access.

We hope you'll choose us.

Sincerely,

31,886 undersigned

The names of individuals who are signatories to this petition have been protected consistent with *Privacy Act* principles.

Les noms des personnes signataires de cette pétition ont été protégés conformément aux principes de la *Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels*.