

**FirsTel Operations Inc.  
General Delivery  
Nelson House, Manitoba  
ROB 1A0**

November 4, 2005

Industry Canada - Spectrum Management  
Prairie and Northern Regional District  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 400 St. Mary Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
R3C 2K4

Attention: Barry Dear, Manager Spectrum Services

**Subject: Application Under Industry Canada RP-019 for the Provision of  
Cellular Service by New Parties - Letter of Intent by FirsTel to  
Provide Cellular Service in Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation**

Dear Mr. Dear:

In accordance with Industry Canada's policy for the provision cellular services by new parties as established in Radio Systems Policy document RP-019, dated March 1998, this letter is to inform Industry Canada that Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation ("NCN") located at Nelson House, Manitoba, wishes to undertake the provision of cellular service in its community and adjacent area under the name of FirsTel Operations Inc. ("FirsTel" or "the Company").

The Nelson House area currently is without cellular service as neither the local wire line company, MTS Allstream Inc. ("MTS") nor Rogers Cantel Inc. (Rogers) have established cellular facilities in the proposed service area. MTS provides service in the city of Thompson and the community of Norway House but otherwise has not established facilities in the region around Nelson House. Rogers has not deployed any facilities in northern Manitoba. Consequently, the residents of NCN have no access to cellular service in or around their home community.

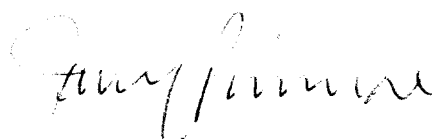
NCN has engaged in discussions with MTS for the provision of cellular service in Nelson House. These talks took place over a period of four months between November 2004 and February 2005 with Mr. Jack Cruise, MTS Aboriginal Segment Manager and Mr. Ron Porath, MTS Wireless Marketing Manager. MTS took the position that it would consider the provision of cellular service to NCN subject to a number of conditions. These conditions are unacceptable to the community.

As the conditions offered by MTS do not constitute a franchise, distributorship or resale arrangement between NCN and MTS, NCN operating as FirsTel proposes to undertake the provision of cellular service in Nelson House and the surrounding area as a new service provider under the terms of Industry Canada's policy respecting the provision of cellular service in **unserved** and **underserved** areas. FirsTel is wholly owned and will be operated by the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation. If its plans to provide cellular service are implemented as laid out in this letter of intent, the Company is eligible to, and will operate, as a Canadian carrier within the meaning of the *Telecommunications Act*. Further the Company states that it would not be an affiliate (within the meaning of subsection 36(3) of the *Telecommunications Act*) of an entity authorized to provide cellular services in any other cellular **sub-band** in the geographical area of Nelson House.

FirsTel Canada is seeking the use of the B **sub-band**. Coverage maps for the Company's proposed cell sites and the frequency requirements at those sites are provided as Attachment 1.

Further communication with respect to this letter of intent and application should be directed to Robert Gowenlock of Canadian Telecommunications Consultants International. Mr. Gowenlock may be reached at (204) **489-7043**, (204) **981-4755** (mobile), by mail at **179 Elm Street**, Winnipeg, MB, R3M 3N5 or by e-mail at [\*\*bob.gowenlock@ctci.ca\*\*](mailto:bob.gowenlock@ctci.ca).

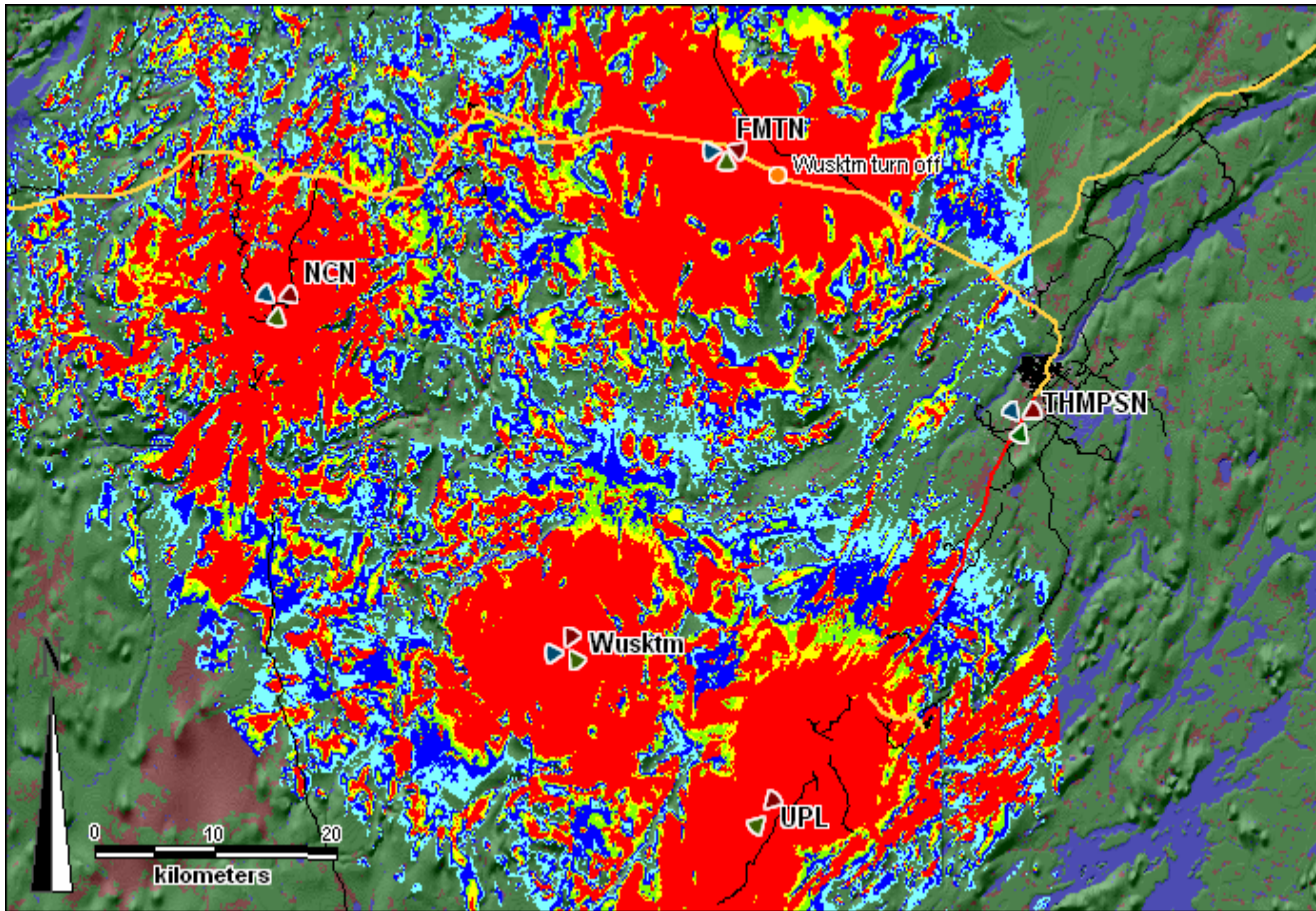
Sincerely,



Jerry Primrose  
President, FirsTel

cc: Gary **Krushen**, CRTC Regional **Director**, Western and Northern Region

# Upper Paint Lake, Frost Mntn., Wuskwatim Dam Site & Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation



Freq. Reqmt (MegHz)
NCN (Nelson House) - 5.0
Frost Mntn. -5.0
Wuskwatim -5.0
Upper Paint Lk. - 5.0