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Whereas the objectives of the Canadian Telecommunications Policy set out in section 7 of the *Telecommunications Act* are, in part,

"(b) to render reliable and affordable telecommunications services of high quality accessible to Canadians in both urban and rural areas in all regions of Canada;

(c) to enhance the efficiency and competitiveness, at the national and international levels, of Canadian telecommunications;

...

(f) to foster increased reliance on market forces for the provision of telecommunications services and to ensure that regulation, where required, is efficient and effective; [and]

...

(h) to respond to the economic and social requirements of users of telecommunications services;"

Whereas section 14 of the *Telecommunications Act* provides that the Governor in Council may require the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to make a report on any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction;

Whereas concerns have been expressed about the status of competition in Canadian telecommunications markets, and about the availability of advanced telecommunications services at affordable prices in rural areas of Canada;

And whereas, in light of those concerns, it would be beneficial for the Commission to monitor that competition and the availability of advanced telecommunications services at those prices and to obtain the information required to assess whether further measures are needed to achieve the objectives of the *Telecommunications Act*;

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Therefore, Her Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Industry, pursuant to section 14 of the *Telecommunications Act*, hereby

(a) requires the Commission to submit, once in each year for the next five years, a report to the Governor in Council on the status of competition in Canadian telecommunications markets and on the deployment and accessibility of advanced telecommunications infrastructure and services in urban and rural areas in all regions of Canada,

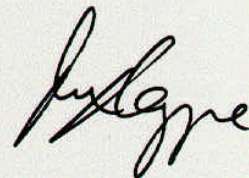
(b) requires that the report include

(i) an examination of promising means for accelerating private sector investment in rural broadband infrastructure, such as initiatives to aggregate local demand for advanced telecommunications services, and

(ii) relevant data and analyses, and

(c) specifies that the first report be submitted to the Governor in Council no later than September 28, 2001.

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