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Consultation on Amending CPC-2-0-03 – Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems (Notice No. DGSO-002-21) – Comments

1. XplorNet Communications Inc. (“XplorNet”) welcomes the opportunity to provide its comments with respect to the *Consultation on Amending CPC-2-0-03 – Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems*¹ (“Consultation”) currently being undertaken by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (“ISED”).
2. XplorNet has significant experience in deploying radiocommunication systems in Canada and is very familiar with the requirements of CPC-2-0-03. Over the last 15 years, we have built a national fixed wireless network that provides service to rural Canadians within every province across the country.
3. In the present Consultation, ISED is seeking comments on the introduction of new official languages requirements that would apply to consultations undertaken pursuant to CPC-2-0-03. ISED has put forward two proposals for how new official languages requirements could be implemented. Under a first proposal, ISED would require all initial communications with the public to be made in both official languages (and replies to comments to be drafted in the official language used to submit the comments). Under a second proposal, the official language requirement would only apply to consultations being undertaken in communities

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where the English or French linguistic minority population meets a minimum threshold of 5%. ISED would maintain a list of such communities.

4. Xplornet fully supports ISED's work to ensure that antenna siting consultations are inclusive of official language minority communities.
5. We would support the adoption of ISED's second proposal. We believe that this proposal will ensure that Canada's official languages are promoted by CPC-2-0-03 in all communities where there is a significant English or French linguistic minority population.
6. We do not object to the timing being proposed by ISED for the introduction of new official language requirements, nor do we have any objections to the other minor amendments to CPC-2-0-03 being proposed in the Consultation.
7. We thank ISED for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carl MacQuarrie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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