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Whereas, on September 29, 1999, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission rendered Telecom Decision CRTC 99-15, entitled *Unbundled Local Loop Fixed-Rate Service Order Charges*;

Whereas, on December 24, 1999, Call-Net Enterprises Inc. presented to the Governor in Council a petition pursuant to subsection 12(1) of the *Telecommunications Act* requesting that the Governor in Council vary Telecom Decision CRTC 99-15;

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

"(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]

(g) to stimulate research and development in Canada in the field of telecommunications and to encourage innovation in the provision of telecommunications services;"

Whereas, in Telecom Decision CRTC 99-15, the Commission reduced the fixed-rate service charges paid by competitive local exchange carriers when they lease network facilities, known as local loops, from incumbent local exchange carriers;



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Whereas, in determining the level of service charge reductions required in Telecom Decision CRTC 99-15, the Commission took into account the fact that it is expecting additional efficiency gains and other cost reductions in the order processing area from

(a) more efficient processes and opportunities for automation, and

(b) the outcome of proceedings before the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Interconnection Steering Committee (CISC) seeking to resolve and standardize operational matters between local exchange carriers;

Whereas, in a competitive market for local telecommunications where consumers can choose from among co-carriers, it is in the economic interest of consumers and local exchange carriers to ensure that inter-carrier transactions are as efficient and effective as possible to minimize administrative costs and delays;

And whereas the Governor in Council expects that the Commission will remain diligent in pursuing opportunities to ensure efficient and effective transactions among carriers and to further reduce the levels of related service charges where appropriate;

Therefore, Her Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Industry, pursuant to subsection 12(1) of the *Telecommunications Act*, hereby declines to vary Telecom Decision CRTC 99-15.

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