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RE: SLPB-001-17, Consultation on Releasing Millimetre Wave Spectrum to Support 5G

We are writing to request an extension to the dates for filing comments and reply comments. **Specifically, we request that the date for the submission of comments be extended to September 15, 2017 and that the date for reply comments be extended to October 20, 2017.**

SLPB-001-17 is a consultation that is of great significance to many of the members of RABC. The consultation raises several complex technical matters that will be reviewed carefully by a special working group of the Board. As the Department notes, the release of millimetre wave spectrum will be of great importance to the country and to Canadians.

The RABC working group has met and determined its intent for the Board to respond to the vast majority of questions posed in the consultation. The workload and timelines pose a significant challenge for the Board and its members to complete the review and submit comments by the deadlines established by the Department. We have established an aggressive schedule of weekly meetings to conduct a thorough review, however additional time is required to develop and submit a comprehensive response. Accordingly, we request an extension to the comment and reply comment submission dates as proposed above.

Sincerely

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