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**Re: Shaw Extension Request – SLPB-006-17**  
**Consultation on the Spectrum Outlook 2018 to 2022**

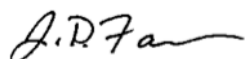
We are aware that Shaw Communications Inc. has requested an extension in connection with SLPB-006-17. Specifically, Shaw requested that the Department extend the deadline for initial comments from January 9, 2018 to February 6, 2018, with a corresponding extension for reply comments from February 8, 2018 to March 8, 2018. Further, RABC is aware that Rogers Communications Inc. has written to the Department in support of Shaw's request.

Many of RABC members who are interested in preparing a RABC response to the consultation face similar resource constraints to those raised by Shaw, due to the heavy regulatory agenda in the fall of 2017 and winter of 2018. RABC members have been extremely busy with a number of important ongoing ISED and CRTC proceedings that affect the communications industry.

Additionally, RABC members have identified important international activities that will not only detract from the industry's ability to respond by January 9, 2018, they present further challenges to respond by February 6, 2018 (as proposed by Shaw). In particular, we note that Task Group 5/1 will be meeting in Geneva between January 17-26, 2018 and Working Party 5D will be meeting in Seoul between January 31-February 7, 2018. These international meetings will draw upon Canadian resources who are critical to the development of a thorough and meaningful RABC response to SLPB-006-17.

**Accordingly, RABC respectfully requests the Department extend the deadline for initial comments to February 16, 2018, with a corresponding extension for reply comments to March 16, 2018.**

Sincerely,



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