



Canadian Network Operators Consortium Inc.

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**CNOC WELCOMES THE CRTC'S DECISION ON THE COSTING PROCESS FOR
WHOLESALE SERVICES AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THE NEXT STEPS**

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Ottawa, ON – Canadian Network Operators Consortium Inc. (Cnoc) welcomes the decision issued today by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) regarding the process that is used to set the rates for wholesale services that competitive Internet service providers use to provide services to Canadians.

Cnoc commends the CRTC for undertaking a review of the process and methodologies that are used to set rates for wholesale services with a view of making the process more efficient and to review whether previously established rules that impact wholesale rates continue to be correct.

“Today’s decision is a very good step towards achieving reasonable wholesale rates,” said Cnoc president Bill Sandiford. “Cnoc looks forward to participating in the process that will follow this decision and is optimistic that the final outcome will enable competitive Internet service providers to bring more competitive services to Canadians and make further investments in network and service innovations.”

About Cnoc

The Canadian Networks Operators Consortium (Cnoc) is composed of over 35 innovative competitive telecommunications services providers that own or operate wireline and/or wireless networks operating in many regions of Canada. The objectives of Cnoc are to promote innovation and increase the level of competitive communications services business in the Canadian economy.

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