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**CNOCC ASKS FOR EXPEDITED WHOLESALE ACCESS TO FTTP WHERE GAPS IN COMPETITION EXIST**

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Toronto, On. - Today the Canadian Network Operators Consortium (CNOCC) filed an application asking the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) to approve expedited wholesale access to fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) facilities where these are the only facilities available from a major telephone or cable carrier that can provide high-speed Internet services to Canadians.

In a landmark 2015 decision the CRTC determined that competitive Internet service providers (ISPs) should have access to the major telephone and cable carriers' FTTP facilities that connect Canadian homes and businesses to broadband networks. However, the process to implement that decision is complex and still ongoing.

"FTTP facilities are being deployed at a rapid pace across Canada, with these facilities now representing almost 10% of all residential wireline Internet connections in Canada," said Matt Stein, CNOCC's Spokesperson and Vice Chair and CEO of Distributel. "As wholesale access to FTTP facilities is currently not available, we are seeing more and more situations where Canadians cannot obtain high-speed Internet service from competitive ISPs."

Canadians that live and work in locations without competitive Internet service options are unable to enjoy the benefits of competition, such as the ability to choose amongst affordable, innovative and differentiated Internet service options.

"To address these issues, we are asking the CRTC to expedite wholesale access to FTTP services in the quickly increasing number of locations where Canadians do not have access to high-speed Internet service options from competitive ISPs," said Michael Garbe, CNOCC's Chair and President and CEO of Accelerated Connections Inc.

**About CNOCC**

CNOCC is comprised of more than 30 innovative competitive telecommunications services providers that own or operate wireline and/or wireless networks in many regions of Canada. CNOCC's mission is to increase the level of competitive choice and innovation in the delivery of communications services to Canadians.

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