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Mr. Robert A. Morin
Secretary General
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N2

Dear Mr. Morin:

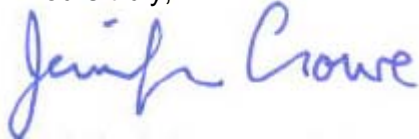
Subject: Application for forbearance from the regulation of residential local exchange services in the Brandon, Manitoba exchange, File No. 8640-M59-200913386

1. MTS Allstream Inc. (MTS Allstream) is in receipt of correspondence from Rogers Communications Inc. (Rogers), dated 14 October 2009, TELUS Communications Company (TELUS), dated 5 January 2010, and Westman Communications (Westman), dated 15 January 2010. In their respective letters, Rogers, TELUS and Westman each confirm that they are capable of serving at least of 75 percent of the residential local exchange service lines in the exchange of Brandon, Manitoba.
2. Since these letters confirm that MTS Allstream has met the competitor presence test set out in paragraph 242 a. ii. of Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-15, *Forbearance from the regulation of retail local exchange services*, as amended by *Order Varying Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-15, P.C. 2007-0532 (Decision 2006-15, as amended)*, MTS Allstream requests that the Commission now approve MTS Allstream's application for forbearance from the regulation of local residential exchange services in the Brandon exchange, with an effective date of 30 April 2010.¹

¹ As MTS Allstream noted in its application, dated 30 September 2009, Westman is an independent fixed-line telecommunications service provider that has fewer than 20,000 local exchange service customers in Canada. Therefore, pursuant to paragraph 523 of Decision 2006-15, as amended, the effective date of forbearance in the Brandon exchange will be eighteen months from the date that Westman began offering local exchange service in the Brandon exchange. MTS Allstream estimates that this date was 30 November 2008, which would result in an effective date for forbearance of 30 April 2010. Westman has not disputed this date.

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