

February 5, 1996

Mr. A. J. Darling
Secretary General
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Darling:

Subject: Telephone Company Phase III Filings

1. Unitel is in receipt of the Canadian Cable Television Association's (CCTA) letter requesting a delay in the filing of comments on the telephone companies' proposed Phase III Manual updates until February 15, 1996. This is the date established by the Commission in Telecom Decision CRTC 95-21 for comments on the telephone companies' broadband proposals.
2. Unitel supports CCTA's request for a delay in the filing of Phase III comments until February 15, 1996. The proposed Phase III Manual updates and the telephone companies' January 15, 1996 broadband proposals are closely related and would best be considered together. The delay would also enable interested parties to submit a single submission on both proposals thereby reducing the administrative burden on Commission staff.
3. Unitel concurs with CCTA's assertion that the proposed ten day delay will in no way impact the telephone companies' development and filing of 1995 Phase III results, which are due on September 30, 1996.

Yours truly,

J. K. Liesemer

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