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Subject: Follow-Up – Procedural Letter on Public Interest Funding and Accessibility Barriers Ahead of BNC CRTC 2024-288

Dear Mr. Morin, CRTC Public Hearing Team, and Mr. Herot,

This letter serves as a formal follow-up to the procedural correspondence submitted by the Deaf Wireless Canada Consultative Committee (DWCC) on April 10, 2025, regarding structural funding barriers affecting our participation in the upcoming BNC CRTC 2024-288 hearing scheduled for May 15, 2025.

As previously outlined, DWCC continues to face serious financial and accessibility challenges due to the Broadcasting Participation Fund's (BPF) current by-law restrictions on interim disbursement. These constraints have left our organization unable to confirm essential travel and accommodation arrangements, despite our scheduled in-person participation.

We respectfully reiterate that this situation presents a systemic accessibility barrier, particularly in light of:

- Section 2(d) of the CRTC 2023 Policy Direction, which instructs the Commission to remove barriers to participation in regulatory processes;
- Section 17(c), which directs the Commission to promote equitable participation, particularly for Canadians with disabilities; and
- The objectives of the Accessible Canada Act (2019).

As empowered under the amended Broadcasting Act, section 11.1(1)(c), the Commission now has the legislative authority to initiate a modernized public interest participation funding proceeding. DWCC strongly urges the Commission to launch this long-awaited consultation without delay.

We will briefly raise this matter in our oral remarks on May 14; however, we emphasize the importance of proactive resolution. Without predictable, inclusive, and inflation-adjusted financial mechanisms, equity-seeking organizations like ours remain disadvantaged in engaging meaningfully in public hearings such as BNC CRTC 2024-288.

We are prepared to support the Commission's efforts in designing this funding consultation and would welcome an opportunity to participate in its development.

Thank you for your attention and commitment to inclusive regulatory processes.

Sincerely,

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