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## **Industrie Canada**

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Subject:

Bragg Communications Inc. (Eastlink) Proposed Radiocommunication Tower

Case 17166 - 105 Ketch Harbour Road, Herring Cove NS

Dear Ms Mellett,

This is further to an impasse filing from Bragg Communications Inc. (Eastlink), submitted to Industry Canada on March 12, 2012 and our subsequent letter to you of March 26, 2012. The impasse filing received is in respect to a proposed 61 metre radiocommunication facility at the above noted location.

Industry Canada, upon receiving an impasse filing, conducts a review of documentation and performs an analysis to assess issues such as the proposed location, land-use consultation, and Safety Code 6 compliance. The land-use authority which has objections concerning the proposed radiocommunication facility is also contacted. Industry Canada contacted you on March 26, 2012 and again on May 18, 2012, to provide an opportunity to submit additional information regarding the issue.

Industry Canada has completed a review of all information received to date, which included your submission of April 25, 2012, and that which we received from the proponent, Bragg Communications Inc. In our review we have determined that the main thrust of the Halifax Regional Municipality's concern and resulting objection is related to the perceived health risks associated with radiocommunication towers, the impact it could have on culturally sensitive sites, concerns about appropriate ground level tree cover expressed by the neighbouring property owner and impact of the site on future development in the area.

In addition to confirming that local land-use authority consultation has occurred and that Health Canada's Safety Code 6 guideline will be fully satisfied, Industry Canada also notes that the proposed facilities are required to launch a new Advanced Wireless Service in the area. We have determined that the site selected is reasonable given that there is no other suitable existing infrastructure in the area or alternative sites available that would minimize any of these impacts to a greater extent then the one proposed.

Having reviewed all the pertinent information available, Industry Canada has concluded that Bragg Communications Inc. has satisfied all obligations regarding the requirements for this proposal as contained in Industry Canada's CPC 2-0-03 Issue 4, "*Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems*." We wish to advise you that Bragg Communications Inc. has been informed that they may proceed with the construction of the proposed radiocommunication facility at the subject location. Please note that we have also directed Bragg Communications Inc. to address the issues which were raised by the adjacent landowner related to appropriate ground level tree cover.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 905-713-2682, or via email at <a href="John.Baggio@ic.gc.ca">John.Baggio@ic.gc.ca</a>.

Regional Director

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cc Kelly Denty, Acting Manager Development Approvals, Halifax Regional Municipality