



September 24, 2001

Director General, Telecommunications Policy Branch,
Industry Canada,
300 Slater Street,
Ottawa, Ontario,
K1A 0C8.

Dear Mr. Helm:

CWTA Comments - *Canada Gazette* Notice No.DGTP-004-01 – Proposal to Introduce the Mobile Service on a Co-primary Basis with the Broadcasting Service in the Frequency Band 746-806 MHz

The Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA) supports the introduction of the mobile service in the frequency band 746-806 MHz (Television Channels 60-69) as well as the required changes to the *Canadian Table of Frequency Allocations*.

CWTA notes however, that due to the possible use of this band for third-generation systems in the United States and the uncertain timeframe of the transition to DTV in North America, spectrum may not become available in a timely fashion. As a result, the shortage of mobile spectrum below 1 GHz in large urban centres identified in the Notice may not be quickly resolved by this allocation.

Regardless, CWTA views the Department's proposal as a positive and necessary step to make spectrum available for mobile services.

Sincerely,

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