



September 22, 2017

Mr. Thomas Sullivan
Acting Chief, International Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Thank you for your September 14th letter regarding the reconfiguration of the 600 MHz spectrum and the August 2015 *Statement of Intent Between the Federal Communications Commission of the United States of America and the Department of Industry of Canada Related to the Reconfiguration of Spectrum Use in the UHF Band for Over-The-Air Television Broadcasting and Mobile Broadband Services*. Congratulations once again to the entire Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on the successful completion of the FCC Incentive Auction. It is indeed a remarkable achievement. I commend our respective teams who have worked diligently to engineer the 600 MHz repurposing over the past several years, ultimately making this a reality. It is a testament to our Agencies strong relationship that is based on a tradition of technical excellence and successful cooperation in the area of spectrum management.

This response letter is meant to formalize the mutually validated and acceptable products of the 2015 Statement of Intent which were completed in April 2017 by our two Agencies; namely the 600 MHz band plan for mobile broadband, as well as our respective country's reconfigured Digital TV Allotment Plan and associated transition schedule.

Further building on these outcomes and discussions to date, ISED intends to continue to work collaboratively with the FCC to finalize sharing arrangements that manage usage of over-the-air television broadcasting and 600 MHz mobile spectrum during the transition, as well as afterward.

ISED looks forward to continue working with the FCC to ensure an orderly and efficient transition of over-the-air TV broadcasting stations on both sides of the border.

Yours sincerely,

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