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Ms. Danielle May-Cuconato
Secretary-General
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0N2

RE: Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2015-134, “Review of basic telecommunications services”, Further Intervention of the SSi Group of Companies:

The Qimirluk Proposal: An Open Gateway to Deliver the Promise of Broadband

Dear Ms. May-Cuconato,

1. In accordance with the procedure established in Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2015-134, “Review of basic telecommunications services” (“TNC 2015-134”), the SSi Group of Companies (“SSi”) is pleased to submit this Further Intervention.
2. We have prepared this latest intervention with a focus on two vital steps the Commission must take in the reform of the basic service objective (“BSO”):
 - One, change the policy focus: Broadband must become the central component of the BSO, and
 - Two, change the mechanisms to implement the BSO policy.
3. There are also two Schedules included with the Intervention:
 - Schedule 1 is a report prepared by Lemay-Yates Associates Inc. (“LYA”) entitled “*Broadband is the New Basic: Implications for CRTC Subsidy Framework*”. This report builds on the July 2015 LYA Reports filed as part of SSi’s Phase 1 Intervention, and discusses implications from the key theme of this proceeding, that is, “Broadband is the new Basic”; and
 - Schedule 2 is an analysis prepared by SSi entitled “*Broadband and Economic Development*,” which provides analysis and insight from a variety of sources into the positive relationship between effective broadband access and economic development.

4. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to submit this Further Intervention, and look forward to contribute further at the public hearing to be held by the Commission as part of the review into basic telecommunications services.
5. We do believe that this will prove to be a seminal proceeding, and the Commission is in a position to make new policy that will have positive impacts across Canada for decades to come.
6. All of which is respectfully submitted,

THE SSI GROUP OF COMPANIES

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Cc: Parties to TNC 2015-134

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