

January 30, 2020

Mr. Claude Doucet
Secretary General
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

VIA GC KEY

Re: CRTC file: 8665-C12-202000280 – Unauthorized Mobile Telephone Number Porting in Canada

Dear Mr. Doucet:

The Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association (CWTA) is in receipt of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre's (PIAC) letter of January 21, 2020. The letter requests that the Commission issue a Public Notice of Consultation regarding the above-referenced matter shortly after the Commission receives CWTA's response to the Commission's letter of January 15, 2020. Such a request is premature.

As will be addressed in CWTA's response to the Commission's letter, work on a solution that adds additional safeguards to combat the tactics used by fraudsters, while preserving the consumer benefits of wireless number portability, is well underway.

A public consultation will not add any value to this ongoing work, but will instead divert resources from the implementation of these additional safeguards. In addition, public vetting of a solution intended to thwart fraudsters is counter-productive and negates the time and effort being put forth.

To reiterate, CWTA, and the members of the WNP Council, understand the seriousness of this issue and continue our collaborative efforts to alleviate instances of fraudulent activity.

For the above reasons, the Commission should dismiss PIAC's request for a public consultation.

Sincerely,



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