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Information Technology and Broadcasting Bureau
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Attn: Ms. Eva Cheng

Dear Sirs

TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1999

In the course of our consideration of the question of access and fee determination, it has occurred to us that the question of fee determination and access are inextricably connected. Before any assessment of the fee, there must be agreement on the terms and conditions of access. Such terms concern matters like safety, maintenance, insurance, performance, times and hours of access, etc.

In the circumstances, we are in no position to respond or suggest guidelines or other means of fee determination under the proposed amendment unless the question of the terms of access is first resolved.

Assuming therefore that access is permitted pursuant to the proposed amendment, what are the provisions in the Amendment Bill as regards the terms and conditions of such access? It appears to us that there are none. Accordingly, before entering into any further discussion on this point, please advise us of the Administration's proposals in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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