



## Telecom Order CRTC 2006-131

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### Bell Canada

Reference : Tariff Notice 6943

### High speed metro service

1. The Commission received an application by Bell Canada dated 25 April 2006, for revisions to its General Tariff item 5030, High Speed Metro (HSM) Service. The company proposed to offer 3- and 5-year Minimum Contract Period (MCP) customers the option of extending their MCP contract for 6 months at current terms, conditions and rates. Bell Canada indicated that this would provide its HSM customers with more flexibility when negotiating contract renewal or migrating to another service provider.
2. The Commission received no comments with respect to this application.
3. The Commission notes that the extension would allow customers additional time to select and migrate to a new supplier. The Commission also notes that, currently, HSM service is only available to customers on a 3-year or a 5-year MCP. Customers cannot negotiate for shorter periods of time, such as for a six-month period that they might require to complete a Request for Proposals (RFP), as the tariff does not provides for it.
4. The Commission is satisfied that the rates for HSM would continue to pass the imputation test as Bell Canada would have recovered its capital costs during the initial MCP, and only the operating cost would need to be recovered.
5. The Commission, therefore, finds the company's request for a 6-month extension to the MCP reasonable. However, the Commission considers that a 6-month extension should only be available to customers in situations where the customer needs more time to complete a RFP process, or to migrate to a new service supplier.
6. In light of the above, the Commission **approves on an interim basis** Bell Canada's application.
7. Revised tariff pages are to be issued within 10 days of the date of this Order.

Secretary General

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