



Telecom Order CRTC 2012-232

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Gosfield North Communications Co-operative Limited – Increase to local residential service rate

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1. The Commission received an application by Gosfield North Communications Co-operative Limited (Gosfield North), dated 4 April 2012, proposing a revision to item 4 of its General Tariff – Rate Schedules for Primary Exchange (Local) Service, in order to increase the rate for residential individual-line service.
2. Specifically, the company proposed to raise the monthly rate for residential individual-line service from \$23.95 to \$25.95, consistent with determinations made in *Obligation to serve and other matters*, Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2011-291, 3 May 2011 (Telecom Regulatory Policy 2011-291).
3. Gosfield North stated that it had implemented the rate increase to \$25.95 on 1 August 2011, but that due to an oversight on its part, it did not file a tariff notice at that time requesting the Commission's approval for the rate increase. Accordingly, the company requested that the Commission ratify the charging of the rate of \$25.95 from 1 August 2011 to the date of this Order, pursuant to subsection 25(4) of the *Telecommunications Act*.
4. The Commission notes that in Telecom Regulatory Policy 2011-291, it determined that the small incumbent local exchange carriers (small ILECs) would be allowed to increase their monthly residential rates in three equal increments, to a maximum of \$30, over a three-year period.
5. The Commission considers that Gosfield North's proposed rate increase complies with the determinations in Telecom Regulatory Policy 2011-291 regarding increases to the small ILECs' residential individual-line service rates.
6. The Commission **approves on an interim basis** Gosfield North's proposal to increase its rate for residential individual-line service.
7. The Commission will address the ratification request made in this application in a subsequent order.

Secretary General