



Telecom Order CRTC 2012-334

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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 from Gosfield North Communications Co-operative Limited (Gosfield), 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 Telecom Regulatory Policy 2011-291.
3. Gosfield stated that it had implemented the new monthly rate of \$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 of the new rate. Accordingly, the company requested that the Commission ratify the charging of the rate of \$25.95 from 1 August 2011 to the date of the order, pursuant to subsection 25(4) of the *Telecommunications Act* (the Act).
4. The Commission approved Gosfield's application on an interim basis in Telecom Order 2012-232, noting that in Telecom Regulatory Policy 2011-291 it determined that the small incumbent local exchange carriers would be allowed to increase their monthly residential rates to a maximum of \$30 over a three year period. The Commission also noted that it would address the company's request for ratification in the final order.
5. With respect to Gosfield's ratification request, the Commission notes that, pursuant to subsection 25(4) of the Act, it may ratify the charging of a rate by a Canadian carrier otherwise than in accordance with a tariff approved by the Commission if it is satisfied that the rate was charged because of an error or other circumstance that warrants the ratification.
6. The Commission is satisfied that Gosfield charged the rate of \$25.95 without an approved tariff due to an error. The Commission therefore considers that the company's request for ratification is reasonable.

7. Accordingly, the Commission **approves on a final basis** Gosfield's application to increase the rate for residential individual-line service to \$25.95, effective 14 June 2012, and ratifies the rate of \$25.95 charged by the company from 1 August 2011 to 19 April 2012.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Gosfield North Communications Co-operative Limited – Increase to local residential service rate*, Telecom Order CRTC 2012-232, 20 April 2012
- *Obligation to serve and other matters*, Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2011-291, 3 May 2011, as amended by Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2011-291-1, 12 May 2011