



Telecom Order CRTC 2006-173

Ottawa, 6 July 2006

Bell Communications

Reference: Tariff Notice 11

Ex parte application

1. The Commission **approves on an interim basis**, effective 10 July 2006, the *ex parte* application¹ by Bell Communications, dated 19 June 2006, conditional of Bell Canada confirming to the Commission in writing that the establishment of the income trust has been completed.
2. In order that the application may be available for public examination, consistent with the *CRTC Telecommunications Rules of Procedure* (the Rules), the company is directed to file with the Commission at procedure@crtc.gc.ca, on or before 10 July 2006, an electronic version of the application² for the Commission web site. Among other things, Telecom Circular CRTC 2005-9 allows interveners to comment, within 25 days, on tariff applications that have been placed on the public record.

Secretary General

¹ An *ex parte* application is an application that has been filed with the Commission without notice to the public and, as such, is not placed on the public record when initially filed. An *ex parte* decision is one in which the Commission disposes of an application solely on the basis of the applicant's submissions. Subsection 61(3) of the *Telecommunications Act* allows the Commission to make an *ex parte* decision where it considers that the circumstances of the case justify it. In *Review of regulatory framework*, Telecom Decision CRTC 94-19, 16 September 1994, the Commission set out several considerations to be balanced in any determination to permit *ex parte* tariff filings, including the public interest in the effective operation of the competitive marketplace and the public interest in an open regulatory process.

² *Finalization of a streamlined process for retail tariff filings*, Telecom Circular CRTC 2005-9, 1 November 2005.

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