



Telecom Order CRTC 2006-240

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Saskatchewan Telecommunications

Reference: Tariff Notices 118 and 118A

Introduction of OC-12 central office channelization feature for competitors

1. The Commission received an application from Saskatchewan Telecommunications (SaskTel), dated 4 August 2006, and amended on 30 August 2006, to revise its Competitor Access Tariff (CRTC 21414) item 650.28, Competitor Digital Network (CDN) Services, to introduce OC-12 to DS-3 and OC-12 to OC-3 central office channelization features.
2. The OC-12 to DS-3 channelization feature allows for up to 12 separate DS-3 channels to be carried on a single OC-12 CDN access. While OC-12 to OC-3 channelization feature allows for up to four separate OC-3 channels to be carried on a single OC-12 CDN access.
3. The OC-12 CDN channelization feature can be used only by non co-located competitors in conjunction with the OC-12 CDN access service.
4. In support of its application, SaskTel filed a cost study in confidence with the Commission which contained demand, revenue and cost information specific to the service.
5. In *Competitor Digital Network Services*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2005-6, 3 February 2005, as amended by Telecom Decision CRTC 2005-6-1, 28 April 2006, the Commission capped the maintenance expenses for fibre-based accesses to 4% of the corresponding present worth of annualized capital costs. Consistent with that decision, the Commission considers it appropriate in this Order to apply the 4% cap on maintenance expenses for the OC-12 to DS-3 and OC-12 to OC-3 channelization services, and accordingly directs SaskTel to adjust the rates for these services as specified below.
6. The Commission **approves on an interim basis** the tariff pages filed by SaskTel with the following amendments to the monthly rates: \$1,993.23 for OC-12 to DS-3 channelization service, all bands; and \$313.35 for OC-12 to OC-3 channelization service, all bands.
7. SaskTel is directed to issue amended tariff pages within 10 days of the date of this Order.

Secretary General

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