



## Telecom Order CRTC 2008-116

Ottawa, 25 April 2008

### Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership

Reference: Tariff Notice 284 (Aliant Telecom)

#### National Centrex Service

1. The Commission received an application by Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership (Bell Aliant), dated 15 February 2008, proposing revisions to its General Tariff item 215.2 – National Centrex Service, for New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. Specifically, Bell Aliant proposed to increase the maximum monthly rates of the confidential rate ranges for the three- and five-year minimum contract periods.
2. The Commission approved Bell Aliant's application on an interim basis in Telecom Order 2008-60.
3. The Commission received comments from MTS Allstream Inc. (MTS Allstream) and reply comments from Bell Aliant. The public record of this proceeding is available on the Commission's website at [www.crtc.gc.ca](http://www.crtc.gc.ca) under "Public Proceedings."
4. MTS Allstream indicated that it had filed an application dated 27 February 2008 with the Commission to stay and review and vary Telecom Decision 2008-10. In that Decision, the Commission determined that it would forbear from regulating Centrex services and Enhanced Exchange Wide Dial (EEWD) as they form part of the same relevant market as business local exchange services. MTS Allstream submitted that, as a result, neither interim nor final approval was appropriate for incumbent local exchange carrier tariff applications related to Centrex or EEWD services pending the outcome of its application. MTS Allstream emphasized that, in the case of such applications that had already been approved on an interim basis, the Commission should withhold final approval.
5. Bell Aliant objected to MTS Allstream's request. The company submitted that this tariff filing was unrelated to forbearance and would not be affected should the Commission grant the relief sought in MTS Allstream's application. Bell Aliant also submitted that MTS Allstream had provided no justification for its request to suspend Bell Aliant's normal tariff filings related to Centrex services and EEWD pending the outcome of MTS Allstream's application.
6. The Commission is of the view that as the Bell Aliant tariff revisions apply to non-forborne areas, they are unrelated to forbearance. The Commission therefore considers that its determination with respect to MTS Allstream's application would have no impact on this tariff filing.

7. In light of the above, the Commission **approves on a final basis** Bell Aliant's application.

Secretary General

### **Related documents**

- Telecom Order CRTC 2008-60, 28 February 2008
- *The relevant product market for Centrex and Enhanced Exchange Wide Dial services for the purposes of forbearance from regulation*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2008-10, 31 January 2008

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