



Telecom Order CRTC 2008-120

Ottawa, 29 April 2008

Ex parte applications

1. The Commission **approves on an interim basis** the following *ex parte* applications:¹

Applicant	Tariff Notice	Date of application	Effective date	Application to be filed on public record
Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership	181	15 April 2008	29 April 2008	within two business days of the date of this Order
Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership	296 (Aliant Telecom)	17 April 2008	1 May 2008	by 1 May 2008
Bell Canada	7124	15 April 2008	29 April 2008	within two business days of the date of this Order
NorthernTel, Limited Partnership	252 252A	15 April 2008 21 April 2008	29 April 2008	within two business days of the date of this Order

2. In order that the applications may be available for public examination, consistent with the *CRTC Telecommunications Rules of Procedure*, the companies are directed to [file](#) with the Commission an electronic version of the applications² for the Commission website. 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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