



## Telecom Order CRTC 2008-76

Ottawa, 14 March 2008

### Videotron Ltd.

Reference: Tariff Notice 23

### Revisions to Competitive Local Exchange Carrier General Tariff

1. On 5 February 2008, Quebecor Media Inc., on behalf of Videotron Ltd. (Videotron), filed an application with the Commission in which it proposed revisions to its Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) General Tariff. These revisions include adding rates for the termination of CLEC intra-local interconnection region (LIR) traffic in TELUS Communications Company's (TCC) incumbent operating territory in Quebec. Videotron noted that these rates were approved by the Commission for TCC on an interim basis in Telecom Order 2008-32.
2. Videotron also proposed to remove the references to the termination of CLEC intra-exchange traffic from its CLEC General Tariff. Videotron submitted that, pursuant to Telecom Decision 2006-35, since it does not currently interconnect with other local exchange carriers (LECs) on an exchange basis, it is not required to continue to offer such services.
3. The Commission received no comments regarding this application.

#### Commission's analysis and determinations

##### *Rates for termination of CLEC intra-LIR traffic*

4. In Telecom Decision 97-8, the Commission required all CLECs to file proposed tariffs for interconnection services provided to other LECs at terms and conditions equivalent to those contained in the incumbent local exchange carriers' (ILECs) tariffs, or to justify any departure from those terms and conditions. To ensure that the terms and conditions for interconnection services provided by CLECs are, at all times, equivalent to those of the ILECs, the terms and conditions must be effective on the same date as those of the ILECs.
5. The Commission considers that Videotron's proposal complies with the determinations set out in Telecom Decision 97-8 and that the rates proposed by the company reflect TCC's interconnection rates for the termination of CLEC intra-LIR traffic in its operating territory of Quebec.
6. The Commission notes that TCC's current rates came into effect on 4 February 2008, pursuant to Telecom Order 2008-32. The Commission considers that applying this effective date to Videotron's application would allow its rates to align with those of TCC.

***Removal of rates, terms, and conditions for termination of intra-exchange traffic***

7. In Telecom Decision 2006-35, the Commission determined that ILECs should maintain the existing interconnection rates for the exchange-based traffic termination service for CLECs with grandfathered exchange-based interconnection arrangements.
8. The Commission notes that Videotron does not currently have exchange-based interconnection arrangements with other LECs. Consequently, the Commission considers that Videotron's proposal to remove such a service from its CLEC General Tariff complies with its determinations set out in Telecom Decision 2006-35.

**Conclusion**

9. In light of the above, the Commission **approves on an interim basis** Videotron's application, effective 4 February 2008.

Secretary General

**Related documents**

- Telecom Order CRTC 2008-32, 4 February 2008
- *Follow-up to Trunking arrangements for the interchange of traffic and the point of interconnection between local exchange carriers, Telecom Decision CRTC 2004-46*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-35, 29 May 2006
- *Local Competition*, Telecom Decision CRTC 97-8, 1 May 1997

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