



## Telecom Order CRTC 2009-766

Ottawa, 10 December 2009

### ***Ex parte* applications**

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

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Tariff Notice</b>	<b>Date of application</b>	<b>Effective date</b>	<b>Application to be filed on public record</b>
Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership	293	10 November 2009	10 December 2009	within two business days of the date of this order
Bell Canada	7228	10 November 2009	10 December 2009	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 applications for the Commission website. Among other things, Telecom Decision 2008-74<sup>2</sup> allows interveners to comment, within 25 days, on Group B tariff applications that have been placed on the public record.

Secretary General

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> *Regulatory policy – Approval mechanisms for retail and CLEC tariffs*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2008-74, 21 August 2008