



Telecom Order CRTC 2009-791

Ottawa, 17 December 2009

***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	295	8 December 2009	23 December 2009	by 23 December 2009
Bell Canada	7230	8 December 2009	23 December 2009	by 23 December 2009
NorthernTel, Limited Partnership	284	4 December 2009	4 January 2010	by 4 January 2010
Télébec, Limited Partnership	404	3 December 2009	18 December 2009	within two business days of the date of this order

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. 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 2008-74² 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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² *Regulatory policy – Approval mechanisms for retail and CLEC tariffs*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2008-74, 21 August 2008