



Telecom Order CRTC 2010-956

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Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership – *Ex parte* application

File number: Tariff Notice 391 (Aliant Telecom)

1. The Commission **approves on an interim basis** the *ex parte* application¹ by Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership (Bell Aliant), dated 9 December 2010, subject to the following condition.
2. Bell Aliant is to advise the Commission of the outcome of the selection process as soon as possible and notify the Commission whether the customer has awarded the contract to Bell Aliant. If Bell Aliant is awarded the contract, it is directed to file with the Commission, within two business days of the date of the above notification, an electronic version of the application for the Commission website. Among other things, Telecom Information Bulletin 2010-455² allows interveners to comment, within 30 days, on competitor services 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 *Approval processes for tariff applications and intercarrier agreements*, Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2010-455, 5 July 2010