



Telecom Order CRTC 2011-383

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La Compagnie de Téléphone de Lambton Inc. – Modifications to direct connection service

File numbers: Tariff notices 46 and 46A

1. The Commission received an application from La Compagnie de Téléphone de Lambton Inc. (Lambton), dated 19 April 2011 and amended on 2 June 2011, in which the company proposed modifications to its General Tariff item 5.4 – Direct Toll (DT), Direct Connection (DC), and Trunking Rates.
2. Specifically, the company proposed to increase its DC service rate from \$0.0132 to \$0.0178 per conversation minute, due to a decrease in the annual volume of conversation minutes. Lambton also proposed several administrative and aesthetic changes to the titles and pagination of item 5.4 of its General Tariff. The company requested that the proposed tariff pages take effect on 17 June 2011.
3. Lambton submitted that, in accordance with *Direct toll and network access costing methodology for small incumbent local exchange carriers – Follow-up to Decision 2001-756*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2005-3, 31 January 2005 (Telecom Decision 2005-3), it has been billing Bell Canada at the \$0.0178 rate since 1 January 2011 because the annual volume of conversation minutes is less than 5 million minutes. Lambton requested that the Commission ratify the rate of \$0.0178 for the period between 1 January 2011 and the effective date of this rate.
4. The Commission notes that Telecom Decision 2005-3 applies to small incumbent local exchange carriers such as Lambton. In that decision, the Commission determined that the DC service rate would be \$0.0178 per conversation minute for companies whose annual volume of conversation minutes is less than or equal to 5 million minutes. The Commission therefore considers that the proposed rate change is appropriate.
5. In light of the above, the Commission **approves on an interim basis** Lambton's proposed rate for its DC service, as well as the proposed administrative and aesthetic changes, effective 17 June 2011. The Commission will address the ratification request, and any other issues related to the application, if necessary, in a subsequent order.

Secretary General