



Telecom Order CRTC 2011-810

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

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1. The Commission **denies** the *ex parte* application¹ by Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership (Bell Aliant) dated 16 November 2011.
2. The Commission considers that the tariff revisions proposed in the application should have been accompanied by a price floor test because these revisions represent a new permanent service offering.
3. Bell Aliant is directed to file an electronic copy of the application for the public record by 11 January 2012.

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.