



## Telecom Order CRTC 2012-440

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### Huron Telecommunications Co-operative Limited – Increases to local residential service rates

File numbers: Tariff Notices 36 and 36A

1. The Commission received an application from Huron Telecommunications Co-operative Limited (HuronTel), dated 24 July 2012 and amended on 26 July 2012, in which the company proposed modifications to its General Tariff section 100 – Rate Schedules for Primary Exchange (Local) Service. Specifically, the company proposed to increase its rates for residential individual-line service pursuant to *Obligation to serve and other matters*, Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2011-291, 3 May 2011, as amended by Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2011-291-1, 12 May 2011 (Telecom Regulatory Policy 2011-291).
2. HuronTel proposed to increase its monthly rate for residential individual-line service by \$2.40 to \$27.55, and its monthly rates for three different seasonal subscription periods for this service as follows:
  - from 1 May to 31 October: an increase of \$1.42, to \$16.23
  - from 1 April to 30 November: an increase of \$1.73, to \$19.92
  - from 1 March to 31 December: an increase of \$2.05, to \$23.55
3. HuronTel indicated that it had implemented these rate increases on 1 June 2012, but had failed to file a tariff for approval with the Commission before changing the rates. HuronTel therefore requested that the Commission ratify the rates charged to its residential individual-line service customers since 1 June 2012.
4. The Commission notes that, in Telecom Regulatory Policy 2011-291, it determined that small incumbent local exchange carriers would be allowed to increase their monthly residential service rates in three equal increments, to a maximum of \$30, over a three-year period. The Commission considers that HuronTel's proposed rate increases comply with this determination.
5. Accordingly, the Commission **approves on an interim basis** HuronTel's proposal to increase its rates for residential individual-line service. The Commission will address the ratification request and, if necessary, any other issues related to the application in a subsequent order.

Secretary General

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