



Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2013-337-1

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Call for comments

Fact-finding process on the role of payphones in the Canadian communications system

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Changes to procedure

1. In a letter dated 4 September 2013, Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership, on behalf of itself and Dryden Municipal Telephone System, KMTS, NorthernTel, Limited Partnership, and Télébec, Limited Partnership; and Bell Canada, on behalf of itself and Northwestel Inc. (collectively, the Companies), requested a three-week extension to the 10 September 2013 filing date for responses to the Commission's requests for information issued on 16 July 2013. The Companies submitted that the request to extend the filing date to 1 October 2013 was necessary due to (a) the extensive work involved in producing and validating the requested cost studies, and (b) the absence of key resources during the latter part of July and August 2013. The Companies submitted that its proposed filing date of 1 October 2013 should apply to all parties filing responses to the Commission's requests for information dated 16 July 2013.
2. By separate letters also dated 4 September 2013, TELUS Communications Company (TCC) and Saskatchewan Telecommunications (SaskTel) supported the Companies' request.
3. The Commission considers that the request by the Companies, as supported by TCC and SaskTel, is reasonable given the amount of detailed information being requested by the Commission.
4. Accordingly, with this notice, the Commission revises the procedure established in Telecom Notice of Consultation 2013-337.
5. The Commission replaces paragraphs 12 through 23 of Telecom Notice of Consultation 2013-337 with the following:
 12. Concurrent with the release of this notice, the Commission, by way of separate letters, issued interrogatories to the ILECs listed in Appendix A of this notice and to PIAC. The responses to these interrogatories must be filed with the Commission by **1 October 2013**.

13. Requests for public disclosure of information filed pursuant to paragraph 12 that has been designated confidential, setting out in each case the reasons for disclosure, must be filed with the Commission and served on the relevant party or parties by **11 October 2013**.
14. Responses to these requests must be filed with the Commission and served on the party or parties making the request by **21 October 2013**.
15. Determinations regarding requests for public disclosure will be issued as soon as possible. Any information to be provided pursuant to such determinations must be filed with the Commission and served on the party or parties making the request by **4 November 2013**.
16. Parties to this proceeding and interested persons who wish to become parties to this proceeding must file an intervention with the Commission regarding the above-noted issues by **15 November 2013**. The intervention must be filed in accordance with section 26 of the Rules of Procedure.
17. The Commission will post the interventions on its website shortly after they are filed. All documents required to be served on a party or parties to the proceeding must be served using the contact information contained in the interventions.
18. The Commission and parties may request information, in the form of interrogatories, from any party to this proceeding relating to its intervention filed pursuant to paragraph 16 of this notice. In accordance with section 73 of the Rules of Procedure, the requesting party must file its request for information with the Commission, and serve the request on the party to whom it is addressed, on or before **13 December 2013**.
19. Responses to requests for information are to be filed with the Commission, and served on the requesting party or parties as applicable, by **24 January 2014**.
20. Requests by parties for further responses to their requests for information, specifying in each case why a further response is both relevant and necessary, and requests for public disclosure of information that has been designated confidential, setting out in each case the reasons for disclosure, must be filed with the Commission and served on the relevant party or parties by **7 February 2014**.
21. Responses to these requests must be filed with the Commission and served on the party or parties making the request by **14 February 2014**.
22. Determinations regarding requests for further responses and requests for public disclosure will be issued as soon as possible. Any information to be provided pursuant to such determinations must be filed with the Commission and served on the party or parties making the request by 28 February 2014.
23. All parties may file final comments with the Commission, serving copies on all other parties, by **14 March 2014**.

6. Parties are reminded that the *Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure* (the Rules of Procedure) set out, among other things, the rules for the filing, content, format, and service of interventions and interrogatories. For information concerning the Rules of Procedure, see Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin 2010-959. For information concerning the procedures for filing confidential information and requesting its disclosure, see Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin 2010-961.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Fact-finding process on the role of payphones in the Canadian communications system*, Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2013-337, 16 July 2013
- *Procedures for filing confidential information and requesting its disclosure in Commission proceedings*, Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2010-961, 23 December 2010, as amended by Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2010-961-1, 26 October 2012
- *Guidelines on the CRTC Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2010-959, 23 December 2010