



## Telecom Order CRTC 2013-54

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### **Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership and Bell Canada – Withdrawal of Ship and Aircraft Service**

File numbers: Bell Aliant Tariff Notice 422 and Bell Canada Tariff Notice 7370

1. The Commission received applications from Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership and Bell Canada (collectively, the Bell companies), dated 23 November 2012, in which the companies proposed to withdraw their respective General Tariff item 3520 – Ship and Aircraft Service.<sup>1</sup>
2. The Bell companies stated that over the past five years, there have been no customers subscribing to this service, and they did not anticipate any renewed demand for the service in the foreseeable future.
3. The companies also stated that the equipment used to operate, support, and maintain Ship and Aircraft Service has been discontinued by the manufacturer for some time. As a result, spare parts that are needed to operate, repair, and maintain the service are becoming increasingly difficult and costly to obtain.
4. The Commission approved the Bell companies' applications on an interim basis in Telecom Order 2012-666.
5. The Commission received no comments regarding the Bell companies' applications. The public record of this proceeding, which closed on 22 January 2013, is available on the Commission's website at [www.crtc.gc.ca](http://www.crtc.gc.ca) under "Public Proceedings" or by using the file numbers provided above.
6. The Commission considers that the Bell companies have complied with the requirements set out in Telecom Decision 2008-22, which revised the Commission's procedures for applications dealing with destandardization and/or withdrawal of tariffed services. The Commission notes that, since no customers currently subscribe to this service, a customer notice was not required.
7. Accordingly, the Commission **approves on a final basis** the Bell companies' applications.

Secretary General

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<sup>1</sup> Ship and Aircraft Service provides for telecommunication between a land telephone and a ship or an aircraft, between a ship and an aircraft, or between two ships or two aircraft, so long as the ships or aircraft are equipped for this service and are within range of a land radiotelephone station.

## Related documents

- Telecom Order CRTC 2012-666, 5 December 2012
- *Mandatory customer contract renewal notification and requirements for service destandardization/withdrawal*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2008-22, 6 March 2008