



Telecom Order CRTC 2013-607

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MTS Inc. – Application to increase the rate for Compensation Per Call service

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1. The Commission received an application from MTS Inc. (MTS), dated 28 June 2013, in which the company proposed a revision to item 43 – Compensation Per Call of its Access Services Tariff. Specifically, MTS proposed to increase its compensation rate¹ from \$0.2015 to \$0.5458 per completed call.
2. MTS filed a cost study to support its application. The company noted that the number of its payphones and the average call volume per payphone have decreased since 2000, and submitted that its cost study provided evidence that the current compensation per call rate is no longer compensatory.
3. The Commission received no interventions regarding MTS's application. The public record of this proceeding, which closed on 16 September 2013, is available on the Commission's website at www.crtc.gc.ca under "Public Proceedings" or by using the file number provided above.
4. The Commission has reviewed the costs included in MTS's cost study, and finds them to be acceptable.
5. In view of the above, the Commission **approves** MTS's application. The Commission considers that the approved rate should help the company maintain its payphones, thus maintaining customers' access to them, without unreasonably impacting interexchange carriers.
6. The Commission directs MTS to issue revised tariff pages² within **10 days** of the date of this order.

Secretary General

¹ This rate is charged by a payphone service provider to an interexchange carrier for each completed toll-free call (such as a call to a 1-800 number) made from one of the payphone service provider's payphones to access the interexchange carrier's network. The amount of compensation to be collected is billed to the interexchange carrier and not to the person making the toll-free call from the payphone.

² Revised tariff pages can be submitted to the Commission without a description page or a request for approval; a tariff application is not required.