



## Telecom Order CRTC 2014-585-1

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### **Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership and Bell Canada – Applications to introduce a 10 Gigabit Ethernet Central Office Connecting Link service**

#### **Introduction**

1. The Commission received applications from Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership and Bell Canada (collectively, the Bell companies), dated 3 July 2014, in which the Bell companies proposed to introduce, under item 122 – Ethernet CO [Central Office] Connecting Link Arrangements of their respective Access Services Tariffs, a 10 Gigabit Ethernet (GE) Ethernet Central Office Connecting Link (10 GE ECCL) service in their respective Ontario and Quebec serving areas. The Bell companies submitted that through this wholesale link service, competitors' co-located transmission equipment would be connected with the Bell companies' 10 GE Internet Protocol Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line Aggregated High-Speed Service Provider Interface.
2. The Bell companies originally proposed to use the current one-time service charge of \$2,175.06 applicable to their existing 1 GE ECCL service for their new 10 GE ECCL service, since both services would be provided through the same facility. The Bell companies requested that the new service and service charge take effect on 28 November 2014.
3. Subsequent to receipt of the applications, Commission staff requested that the Bell companies file a Phase II cost study to support their applications. The Bell companies filed a Phase II cost study dated 3 September 2014, in which they proposed the following two options: (i) a one-time service charge of \$3,287.27 for the 10 GE ECCL service, or (ii) a blended one-time service charge of \$2,488.64 for both the 1 GE ECCL and 10 GE ECCL services.
4. The Commission received no interventions regarding the Bell companies' applications. The public record of this proceeding, which closed on 3 September 2014, is available on the Commission's website at [www.crtc.gc.ca](http://www.crtc.gc.ca) or by using the file numbers provided above.
5. The Commission inadvertently issued a streamlined order (Telecom Order 2014-585), dated 10 November 2014, in which it approved the Bell companies' applications

without identifying which of the two proposed service charges was approved. Accordingly, the Commission is issuing the present order with the following determinations.

### **Commission's analysis and determinations**

6. The Commission finds that the Bell companies' proposed option of a blended, single, uniform service charge for both the 1 GE ECCL and 10 GE ECCL services is reasonable since both services are provided through the same facility.
7. The Commission also finds that the Bell companies' Phase II cost study is reasonable. However, the Commission has excluded the costs related to the performance of the cost study itself from the Bell companies' proposed costs, consistent with its determination set out in Telecom Decision 2008-14 to exclude such costs. This results in a blended, one-time service charge of \$2,446.39 for both the 1 GE ECCL and 10 GE ECCL services.
8. In light of the above, the Commission **approves** the Bell companies' applications, including a one-time service charge of \$2,446.39 for both the 1 GE ECCL and 10 GE ECCL services, effective 28 November 2014. The Bell companies are to issue revised tariff pages<sup>1</sup> within **10 days** of the date of this order.

Secretary General

### **Related documents**

- Telecom Order CRTC 2014-585, 10 November 2014
- *Review of certain Phase II costing issues*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2008-14, 21 February 2008, as amended by Telecom Decision CRTC 2008-14-1, 11 April 2008

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<sup>1</sup> Revised tariff pages can be submitted to the Commission without a description page or a request for approval; a tariff application is not required.