



## Telecom Order CRTC 2015-492

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### **Bell Canada – Integration of Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership’s Access Services Tariff**

#### **Application**

1. The Commission received an application from Bell Canada, dated 20 August 2015, in which the company proposed to integrate the Access Services Tariff of Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership (Bell Aliant) into Bell Canada’s Access Services Tariff.
2. Bell Canada submitted that the changes are purely administrative and that no rates, terms, or conditions are affected. Bell Canada added that in cases where the rates and banding for the same service are different between the two companies, Bell Canada would keep separate rate tables for the services in question and introduce “Regions”<sup>1</sup> to differentiate between the serving territories of each of Bell Canada and Bell Aliant.
3. In Telecom Order CRTC 2015-425, 15 September 2015, the Commission approved Bell Canada’s application on an interim basis, effective 20 September 2015.
4. The Commission received an intervention regarding Bell Canada’s application from the Canadian Network Operators Consortium Inc. (CNOc). The public record of this proceeding, which closed on 21 September 2015, is available on the Commission’s website at [www.crtc.gc.ca](http://www.crtc.gc.ca) or by using the file number provided above.
5. CNOc submitted that it has no objection to the integration proposed by Bell Canada, but that Bell Canada’s proposed tariff pages contain different regional rates for facilities and services in the same serving territories. CNOc added that it would be appropriate for Bell Canada to develop a single rate for each of Ontario and Quebec the next time the company proposes any revisions to these rates. Bell Canada did not reply to CNOc’s intervention.

#### **Commission’s analysis and determinations**

6. The Commission finds Bell Canada’s application to be reasonable. Since CNOc proposed that Bell Canada adopt a particular approach when it next applies to the

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<sup>1</sup> The Regions are defined in the Definitions section and in Item 60 of Bell Canada’s General Tariff. Region 1 reflects the current Bell Canada serving territory and Region 2 reflects the current Bell Aliant serving territory.

Commission to revise certain rates, the Commission finds that this proposal would be more appropriately dealt with in a future proceeding.

7. Accordingly, the Commission **approves on a final basis** Bell Canada's application, effective the date of this order. Revised tariff pages<sup>2</sup> are to be issued within **10 days** of the date of this order.

Secretary General

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<sup>2</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.