



## Telecom Order CRTC 2019-260

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Ottawa, 19 July 2019

### Bell Canada – *Ex parte* applications

1. The Commission **approves on an interim basis** the following *ex parte* applications:<sup>1</sup>

Applicant	Tariff Notice	Date of application	Effective date	Application to be filed for public record
Bell Canada	TN 956	21 June 2019	19 August 2019	by 14 August 2019
Bell Canada	TN 957	21 June 2019	19 August 2019	by 14 August 2019

2. In order that the applications may be available for public examination, consistent with the *Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Rules of Practice and Procedure* (the Rules of Procedure), the company is directed to file with the Commission, by the dates indicated above, an electronic version of the applications for the Commission's website. Among other things, section 59 of the Rules of Procedure incorporates by reference the procedural requirements established in Telecom Information Bulletin 2010-455-1,<sup>2</sup> which allow interveners to file interventions within 30 calendar days of the filing of the Group B tariff application that has been placed on the public record.
3. The interim approval of this application complies with the 2019 Policy Direction<sup>3</sup> by facilitating efficient tariff processes while enabling the Commission to consider, on the basis of a complete record, how its final decision can promote competition, affordability, consumer interests, and innovation.

Secretary General

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<sup>1</sup> An *ex parte* application is an application that has been filed with the Commission without notice to the public and, as such, is not placed on the public record when initially filed. An *ex parte* decision is one in which the Commission disposes of an application solely on the basis of the applicant's submissions. Subsection 61(3) of the *Telecommunications Act* allows the Commission to make an *ex parte* decision where it considers that the circumstances of the case justify it. In *Review of regulatory framework*, Telecom Decision CRTC 94-19, 16 September 1994, the Commission set out several considerations to be balanced in any determination to permit *ex parte* tariff filings, including the public interest in the effective operation of the competitive marketplace and the public interest in an open regulatory process.

<sup>2</sup> *Approval processes for tariff applications and intercarrier agreements*, Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2010-455-1, 19 February 2016

<sup>3</sup> *Order Issuing a Direction to the CRTC on Implementing the Canadian Telecommunications Policy Objectives to Promote Competition, Affordability, Consumer Interests and Innovation*, SOR/2019-227, 17 June 2019