## **Telecom Decision CRTC 2023-27**

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# Revocation of basic international telecommunications services licences

### **Summary**

The Commission revokes the basic international telecommunications services licences of 64 companies that have failed to comply with the conditions of licence. The Appendix to this decision identifies the companies that have had their licences revoked.

### **Background**

- 1. All entities that provide basic international telecommunications services (BITS) to Canadians are required, pursuant to subsection 16.1(1) of the *Telecommunications Act* (the Act) and Telecom Decision 2008-70, to be licensed by the Commission.
- 2. Pursuant to a condition of licence, licensees are required to keep current the information required by the Commission in the application form for the issuance or renewal of BITS licences and to file with the Commission particulars of any change to such information within 30 days of the licensee becoming aware of such change.
- 3. Licensees are also subject to annual reporting requirements pursuant to the following condition of licence:

The licensee shall file with the Commission any information required to be filed, in such form as may be prescribed by the Commission. For example, the licensee shall comply with the telecommunications industry data collection process requirements set out in Telecom Circular 2003-1 and Telecom Circular 2005-4, as amended from time to time by the Commission.

#### **Notice of intent**

4. Despite Commission requests that licensees comply with these filing requirements, several licensees failed to comply. Consequently, on 23 November 2022, the Commission, in accordance with subsection 16.4(1) of the Act, sent by registered mail to the contact addresses kept on file with the Commission a notice of intent to revoke the BITS licences of those licensees that had failed to comply with either or both above-referenced conditions of licence. The licensees were given until 30 November 2022 to file the required information with the Commission or make representations by the same date as to why they should not be required to comply with the conditions of licence.



## Commission's analysis

- 5. Sixty-four companies have failed to file the required information or make representations. The Commission, pursuant to subsection 16.4(1) of the Act, therefore, revokes the licences of the companies listed in the Appendix to this decision.
- 6. The Commission notes that any person providing BITS in Canada without a licence from the Commission may be found guilty of an offence punishable on a summary conviction under subsection 73(1) of the Act, which states the following:
  - 73(1) Every person who contravenes subsection 16(4) or 16.1(1) or (2) or section 17 is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction and liable
    - (a) in the case of an individual, to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand dollars for a first offence, or one hundred thousand dollars for a subsequent offence; or
    - (b) in the case of a corporation, to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars for a first offence, or one million dollars for a subsequent offence.
- 7. The Commission also notes that any person providing BITS in Canada without a licence may have an administrative monetary penalty imposed on them pursuant to section 72.001 of the Act.

#### Conclusion

8. In light of the above, the Commission, pursuant to subsection 16.4(1) of the Act, revokes the BITS licences of the companies listed in the Appendix to this decision.

Secretary General

#### **Related documents**

- Review of the basic international telecommunications services licensing regime, Telecom Decision CRTC 2008-70, 11 August 2008
- Telecommunications industry data collection: updating of CRTC registration lists, telecommunications fees, Canadian revenue-based contribution regime, international licences and monitoring of the Canadian telecommunications industry, Telecom Circular CRTC 2005-4, 9 February 2005
- Telecommunications industry data collection: updating of CRTC registration lists, telecommunications fees, Canadian contribution mechanism fund administration, international licences and monitoring of the Canadian telecommunications industry, Telecom Circular CRTC 2003-1, 11 December 2003

# **Appendix to Telecom Decision CRTC 2023-27**

# List of companies that have failed to comply with the conditions of the basic international telecommunications services licence

2631992 Ontario Inc.
8064555 Canada Corp.
9328-7126 Québec inc.
AirComPlus Inc.
BBnB Services Ltd
BJR International Ltd.
Blu Wave Media Inc.
Cantrade Capital Inc
CCINet Ltd.
Cedar Lake Wireless Cooperative, Ltd.
Central Communications
Communications Cold Lake Inc. (CCL Networks)
Compunet Infotech Inc.
Conuma Cable Systems Ltd.
Detour Wireless Inc.
Detour Wireless Inc.  Développement Innovations Haut-Richelieu
Développement Innovations Haut-Richelieu
Développement Innovations Haut-Richelieu Essensys (Canada) Inc.
Développement Innovations Haut-Richelieu Essensys (Canada) Inc. Evolve Communications Inc.
Développement Innovations Haut-Richelieu Essensys (Canada) Inc. Evolve Communications Inc. Express Teleservice Corporation

Go Fibre Corporation

Server Center Limited
Skyswitch, LLC
STREAMtAP Inc.
Swift-Net.ca Communications, LTD.
Telecom Options Inc.
Telin Systems Ltd.
Teslagistics Inc.
The Frugal Network Inc.
The Symbiotic Relations Network, Inc.
Ultralight Beam Holdings Inc.
Valo Networks Ltd.
Van Telecom Inc.
van Telecom me.
Vertex Telecom, Inc.
Vertex Telecom, Inc.
Vertex Telecom, Inc. VoIPStreet, Inc.