



Telecom Order CRTC 2023-273

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Broadband Fund – Acceptance of statement of work for Sogetel Mobilité inc.’s mobile project in southern Quebec (Route 204)

Background

1. In Telecom Decision 2022-216, the Commission awarded up to \$364,465 to Sogetel Mobilité inc. (Sogetel Mobilité) to build and/or upgrade mobile wireless infrastructure near two communities in Quebec. The project proposed in Sogetel’s application was filed in response to the second call for applications for funding from the Broadband Fund. The Commission later received written acceptance of this funding award from Sogetel Mobilité.
2. The Commission also received a completed statement of work package for the project from Sogetel Mobilité (the project).

Commission’s analysis

Sogetel Mobilité’s request for an increase in funding

3. During the development of its statement of work, Sogetel Mobilité submitted a request for a \$285,801 increase in funding for the project. Sogetel Mobilité submitted that this request was a result of (i) changes in equipment that would improve the sustainability, resiliency, and cyber security of the project; (ii) a minor deviation from the planned fibre route; and (iii) an increase in the costs of third-party labour and other direct costs that had not been anticipated when the company submitted its application.
4. The Commission is satisfied that this request is well supported in the particular circumstances of this project. Accordingly, the Commission **approves** funding for up to \$650,266 for the project.

Statement of work

5. Having reviewed the documents submitted, the Commission **approves** the finalized statement of work and will provide it separately and in confidence to Sogetel Mobilité.
6. Provided that Sogetel Mobilité complies with all conditions of funding set out in Telecom Decision 2022-204, constructs the project as described in Schedule A: Statement of Work, and complies with all procedural requirements to submit reports, invoices, and

requests for funding, the Commission will direct the Central Fund Administrator to make payments to Sogetel Mobilité in respect of the project. Failure to comply with these conditions and requirements could result in funding being delayed or not being disbursed.

7. The Commission reminds Sogetel Mobilité of the condition of funding set out in subparagraph 36(g) of Telecom Decision 2022-204. This condition is that if Sogetel Mobilité becomes aware of a risk of adverse impact on an Aboriginal or treaty right and a duty to consult exists, Sogetel Mobilité must advise the Commission within **20 days** and submit a plan detailing the form and process for fulfilment of the duty. Should such circumstances arise, the release of any additional funding will be contingent on Sogetel Mobilité demonstrating that any necessary consultations were held to the Crown's satisfaction.
8. Sogetel Mobilité is required to submit, quarterly, a progress report and expense claim no later than **20 November 2023**, or as otherwise agreed to with the Commission, and every **three months** thereafter until the project is completed.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Broadband Fund – Project funding approval for Sogetel Mobilité inc.'s mobile project in southern Quebec (Route 204)*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2022-216, 4 August 2022
- *Broadband Fund – Second call for applications – Introductory decision regarding the August 2022 round of project funding approvals*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2022-204, 4 August 2022