



Telecom Order CRTC 2024-20

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Broadband Fund – Change request – ATG Arrow Technology Group Limited Partnership’s access project in Alberta (Goodfish Lake)

1. In Telecom Decision 2021-262, the Commission approved ATG Arrow Technology Group Limited Partnership’s (Arrow) funding application to build local fixed access infrastructure in one community in Alberta (Goodfish Lake). The Commission later received written acceptance of this funding award from Arrow and approved Arrow’s related statement of work in Telecom Order 2022-94, subject to the conditions of funding set out in Telecom Decision 2021-251.
2. Among the conditions of funding is the requirement, set out at paragraph 28 of Telecom Decision 2021-251, that any changes that materially affect the project be approved by the Commission. A change to the completion date qualifies as a material change based on the Commission’s definition in the Application Guide, which is appended to Telecom Notice of Consultation 2019-372. That notice initiated the second call for applications that led to the initial approval in Telecom Decision 2021-262.
3. On 26 September 2023, Arrow submitted a change request for its project approved in Telecom Decision 2021-262.
4. In its change request, Arrow sought approval to delay the project’s completion date by approximately one year due to the following delays:
 - pandemic related access restrictions to the community and surrounding area; and
 - extra time required to facilitate negotiations with the affected community.
5. Arrow’s deadline extension request would not meet the Commission’s expectation, set out in Telecom Decision 2021-262, that the project be completed within three years of the date of that decision.
6. The Commission has reviewed the materials submitted and unforeseen factors described. The Commission underlines the importance of addressing connectivity gaps quickly by completing Broadband Fund projects in a timely manner.¹ However, the Commission

¹ Detailed operational information in respect of funded Broadband Fund projects is generally treated in confidence. See Telecom Regulatory Policy 2018-377, paragraphs 405-408, and section 11 (“Confidentiality”) of the Application Guide cited in paragraph 2 of this order.

considers that under the circumstances, approving the change request would satisfy the objectives identified by the approach set out in Telecom Regulatory Policy 2018-377.

7. The Commission therefore **approves** Arrow's change request. All funding conditions and conditions imposed under section 24 of the *Telecommunications Act*, as set out in Telecom Decision 2022-81, continue to apply.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Broadband Fund – Acceptance of statement of work for ATG Arrow Technology Group Limited Partnership's access project in Alberta*, Telecom Order CRTC 2022-94, 31 March 2022
- *Broadband Fund – Second call for applications – Introductory decision regarding the March 2022 round of project funding approvals*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2022-81, 29 March 2022
- *Broadband Fund – Project funding approval for ATG Arrow Technology Group Limited Partnership's access project in Alberta*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2021-262, 4 August 2021
- *Broadband Fund – Second call for applications – Introductory decision regarding the third round of project funding approvals*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2021-251, 4 August 2021
- *Broadband Fund – Second call for applications*, Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2019-372, 13 November 2019; as amended by Telecom Notices of Consultation CRTC 2019-372-1, 20 March 2020; and 2019-372-2, 27 April 2020
- *Development of the Commission's Broadband Fund*, Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2018-377, 27 September 2018