



Telecom Order CRTC 2005-326

Ottawa, 16 September 2005

Bell Canada

Reference: Tariff Notice 863 (National Services Tariff)

Ex parte application

1. The Commission **approves on an interim basis**, effective 16 September 2005, the *ex parte* application¹ by Bell Canada, dated 2 September 2005.
2. In order that the application may be available for public examination consistent with the *CRTC Telecommunications Rules of Procedure* (the Rules), the company is directed to file with the Commission at procedure@crtc.gc.ca, within two business days, an electronic version of the application² for the Commission web site. Among other things, the Rules and Telecom Circular CRTC 2005-6 allow interveners to comment, within 25 days, on tariff applications that have been placed on the public record.

Secretary General

¹ 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.

² In *Introduction of a streamlined process for retail tariff filings*, Telecom Circular CRTC 2005-6, 25 April 2005, the Commission directed the companies to file all tariff applications on an electronic basis.

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