



Telecom Order CRTC 2011-170

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Bell Canada – *Ex parte* application

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1. In Telecom Order CRTC 2011-40, 24 January 2011, the Commission approved on an interim basis, effective 1 March 2011, an *ex parte* tariff application¹ by Bell Canada dated 14 January 2011.
2. On 18 February 2011, Bell Canada filed a request to withdraw the application.
3. The Commission notes that Bell Canada sent the request before the application's effective date. The Commission has no objections to the withdrawal.
4. Accordingly, the Commission approves the request for withdrawal and revokes the interim order.

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.