



Telecom Order CRTC 2011-624

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Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership and Bell Canada – Monthly co-location power rates

File numbers: Bell Aliant Tariff Notice 380 and Bell Canada Tariff Notice 7326

1. The Commission received applications from Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership and Bell Canada (collectively, the Bell companies), dated 12 September 2011, in which the Bell companies requested approval of proposed revisions to their Access Services Tariffs, item 110–Co-location Arrangements for Interconnecting Canadian Carriers and Digital Subscriber Line Service Providers. Specifically, the Bell companies proposed monthly rate increases to their co-location power rate elements for 48 Volt DC power, 120 Volt AC power, and 120 Volt AC power with generator backup. The Bell companies' proposal to increase rates pertains to their operating territories in Ontario and Quebec only.
2. In requesting the rate increases, the Bell companies submitted that substantial increases to the overall average price for electrical power had occurred between 2002 and 2010; during the same time period, their tariffed rates for co-location power declined by approximately 9 percent due to the application of the annual I-X [inflation (I) less productivity offset (X)] adjustment to the rates. The Bell companies further submitted that, based on a review of their updated costs, the current co-location power rates are not sufficient to permit appropriate recovery of the costs associated with the delivery of electrical power to co-location arrangements in their central offices. As such, the Bell companies were of the view that their co-location power rates are no longer just and reasonable.
3. In light of the amount of time required (a) to develop a complete record on their proposal and (b) for the Commission to examine their proposal, the Bell companies requested that the Commission make the existing monthly rates for these co-location power elements interim as of the date of their applications.
4. Given the above-noted circumstances, the Commission considers that the Bell companies' request to make existing monthly co-location rates interim is reasonable.
5. Accordingly, the Bell companies' existing monthly co-location power rates for 48 Volt DC power, 120 Volt AC power and 120 Volt AC power with generator backup are made interim, effective the date of this order.

Secretary General