Telecom Order CRTC 2007-450

Ottawa, 28 November 2007

Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership

Reference: Tariff Notices 125, 125A and 125B

Ex parte application

1. The Commission **approves on an interim basis**, effective 28 November 2007, the *ex parte* application[1] by Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership dated 22 October 2007 and amended 2 November 2007 and 20 November 2007.

2. In order that the application may be available for public examination, consistent with the *CRTC Telecommunications Rules of Procedure*, the company is directed to file with the Commission, within two business days of the date of this Order, an electronic version of the application[2] for the Commission website. Among other things, Telecom Circular CRTC 2005-9 allows interveners to comment, within 25 days, on tariff applications that have been placed on the public record.

Secretary General

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[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] *Finalization of a streamlined process for retail tariff filings*, Telecom Circular CRTC 2005-9, 1 November 2005.

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