

18 October 2013

Mr. Chris Seidl
Executive Director
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0N2

Dear Mr. Seidl:

Re: Northwestel Inc. Tariff Notice 902

The Company files for Commission approval a proposed revision to Northwestel's Local Network Interconnection Tariff (LNI), CRTC 21481, Item 100.d.2.d, Relay Service.

This service provides Message Relay and IP Relay Service to CLECs operating in Northwestel's traditional service area.

When Northwestel proposed the original LNI tariff, it expected CLEC customers to purchase Relay Services and IPRS from Bell, however, Northwestel has been approached by a customer who has requested that Northwestel provide the service directly. As a result, Northwestel proposes an amendment to the tariff in order to explicitly adopt Bell Canada's rates in Access Services Tariff for Interconnection with Carriers and Other Service Providers, CRTC 7516 105.4.c. Northwestel will resale Bell Canada's service, however Northwestel will be responsible to set up the service with Bell Canada for the CLEC.

Northwestel also proposes to adopt a similar term to that used by TELUS in Special Facilities Tariff CRTC 21463 Item, 230.3.2 regarding unusual expenses. The CLEC customer shall pay Northwestel for any unusual expense required to furnish IPRS or Relay Service, for example, for any unforeseen technical costs including testing and/or switch translations. As Northwestel is not the end service provider the Company cannot be certain that there will not be unusual expenses required to provision the service. In addition Northwestel will not maintain or provide the CLEC with any call detail records for billing purposes.

Northwestel only expects 1 customer to purchase this service from the company over the next 5 years with annual revenues to be less than \$5K. Additional formatting changes have also been proposed for the tariff page.

The Company submits that this tariff proposal fulfils the Price Caps requirements under the competitor services basket set out in Telecom Decisions CRTC 2007-5 and 2007-33. As a competitor tariff, this application is subject to the approval process for competitor tariffs indicated in Approval processes for tariff applications and intercarrier agreements, Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2010-455, 5 July 2010.

The Company respectfully requests approval and effective date of this filing for November 17, 2013.

Yours truly,



Dallas Yeulett
Senior Manager, Regulatory Compliance

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In compliance with the provisions of the *Telecommunications Act* and Section 39 of the *CRTC Telecommunications Rules of Procedure*, Northwestel Inc. applies herewith for approval of the following tariff amendments:

<u>Tariff</u>	<u>Proposed Effective Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
CRTC 21481	17 November 2013	1st revised Page 14

Enclosed herewith are copies of the proposed revised tariff page and a letter of explanation for the changes requested.

Yours truly,



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Senior Manager, Regulatory Compliance

Attachments



Item

100 LOCAL INTERCONNECTION AND COMPONENT UNBUNDLING (cont'd)

(N)

D. RATES AND CHARGES (cont'd)**2. Unbundled Network Components (cont'd)**

c) Connecting Links

- i) Connecting Links A and Connecting Links B provide the central office equipment required to connect the COLT of Type A or Type B Local Loops to the CLEC's or DSLSP's co-located transmission equipment located in the Company's central office building or equivalent.
- ii) Connecting Links A and B are provided in quantities of 100 of each type and the service charge applied is a flat rate per 100 links of each type. In addition, a monthly rate for the use of central office riser space (per meter, per cable) applies.

d) Relay Service

- i) Relay Service, offered by Bell Canada, provides a deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired customer, with the ability to communicate with other customers through the use of a Teletypewriter (TTY). A separate rate per Network Access Service (NAS) or per Working Telephone Number (WTN) will be assessed to the CLEC for access to Relay Service.
- ii) In addition Internet Protocol Relay Service (IPRS), enables a person using an Internet-enabled device (e.g., personal computer) to communicate with another person (or vice-versa) over the telephone network. A specially trained operator transmits messages via Internet Protocol (IP)-based text conversation with a person with a hearing or speech disability and via voice conversation with a person without such a disability.
- iii) All references to Relay Service include both TTY based Relay Service and IPRS.
- iv) Basic 9-1-1 Service is provided for 9-1-1 calls placed through Relay Service. Customers placing a 9-1-1 call through Relay Service will be routed to an emergency operator (an "Operator") and will have to provide their specific address/location. Once this information has been successfully provided to the Operator, the Operator will route the customer's call to the appropriate Safety Answering Point corresponding to the provided address/location.
- v) Access to Relay Service is available to CLECs using their own switches.

e) Emergency-reporting and Alerting systems (9-1-1)

- i) Emergency Service (9-1-1) provides a CLEC with access to the Company's Emergency 9-1-1 Service.
- ii) The service (9-1-1) is available to CLECs by establishing a Trunk-side Interconnection to the Company's Switch providing 9-1-1 service. A rate per Network Access Service (NAS) or Working Telephone Number (WTN) will be assessed to the CLEC for such access.
- iii) The type of access may vary with the type of service available in the Company's operating territory.



LOCAL NETWORK INTERCONNECTION TARIFF

Item

100 LOCAL INTERCONNECTION AND COMPONENT UNBUNDLING (cont'd)

D. RATES AND CHARGES (cont'd)

2. Unbundled Network Components (cont'd)

c) Connecting Links

- i) Connecting Links A and Connecting Links B provide the central office equipment required to connect the COLT of Type A or Type B Local Loops to the CLEC's or DSLSP's co-located transmission equipment located in the Company's central office building or equivalent.
- ii) Connecting Links A and B are provided in quantities of 100 of each type and the service charge applied is a flat rate per 100 links of each type. In addition, a monthly rate for the use of central office riser space (per meter, per cable) applies.

d) Relay Service

- i) The following terms apply for CLECs that purchase Relay Service and IPRS from the Company. (N)
- ii) Relay Service, provides a deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired customer, with the ability to communicate with other customers through the use of a Teletypewriter (TTY). A separate rate per Network Access Service (NAS) or per Working Telephone Number (WTN) will be assessed to the CLEC for access to Relay Service. (D)
- ii) In addition Internet Protocol Relay Service (IPRS), enables a person using an Internet-enabled device (e.g., personal computer) to communicate with another person (or vice-versa) over the telephone network. A specially trained operator transmits messages via Internet Protocol (IP)-based text conversation with a person with a hearing or speech disability and via voice conversation with a person without such a disability.
- iii) All references to Relay Service include both TTY based Relay Service and IPRS.
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- v) Access to Relay Service is available to CLECs using their own switches. Wholesale relay service is available for use 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The CLEC shall pay Northwestel for any unusual expense required to furnish IPRS or Relay Service. (N)

Relay Service and IPRS Rates	Monthly Rate by CLEC End Customer per NAS or per WTN	One Time Set-up charge per CLEC
	\$0.15	\$156.90

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- ii) The type of access may vary with the type of service available in the Company's operating territory. (C)

For explanation of symbols see Page 1

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