



Telecom Order CRTC 2011-195

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Ontario Telecommunications Association – Toll Interconnection Services

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1. The Commission received an application by the Ontario Telecommunications Association (OTA), dated 4 March 2011, proposing revisions to Ontario Independent Services Tariff item 235 – Toll Interconnection Services.
2. In its application, the OTA submitted that changes to the tables showing the categories for annual conversation minutes and toll trunks are needed to reflect changes in the annual volume of toll traffic and/or the number of toll trunks for some of its member companies. The OTA also proposed to include Bruce Telecom in the Ontario Independent Services Tariff for Toll Interconnection Services.
3. In addition, the OTA requested ratification of the rates it had charged between 1 January 2011 and the effective date of this order because its member companies had been charging the rates associated with the proposed tariff changes during that period. The OTA submitted that the administrative effort involved in confirming data between its member companies and Bell Canada prevented it from filing the revisions on a more timely basis.
4. The Commission notes that in Telecom Decision 2005-3 it established a rate structure for direct connection (DC) and trunking rates that would replace the small incumbent local exchange carriers' direct toll rates. The Commission also notes that in Telecom Decision 2006-14 it maintained the rate structure for both DC and trunking that had been established in Telecom Decision 2005-3 but determined that, going forward, the applicable DC and trunking rates were to be established and applied on the basis of actual annual toll conversation minutes and actual toll interconnection trunks.
5. Accordingly, the Commission **approves on an interim basis** the OTA's proposal to revise its Ontario Independent Services Tariff to reflect changes in the annual volume of toll traffic and/or the number of toll trunks for some of its member companies and to include Bruce Telecom in its tariff for Toll Interconnection Services, effective the date of this order. The Commission will address the ratification request and, if necessary, any other issues related to the application in a subsequent order.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Revised regulatory framework for the small incumbent local exchange carriers*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-14, 29 March 2006
- *Direct toll and network access costing methodology for small incumbent local exchange carriers – Follow-up to Decision 2001-756*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2005-3, 31 January 2005