



Telecom Decision CRTC 2015-57

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The definition of subscriber drop wire

The Commission finds that the revised definition of subscriber drop wire set out in Telecom Decision 2014-601 should apply to all incumbent local exchange carriers that have support structure services.

Introduction

1. In Telecom Notice of Consultation 2014-604, the Commission directed the incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) that have support structure service tariffs to show cause why they should not revise the definition of subscriber drop wire in their respective tariffs, to be consistent with the revised definition of subscriber drop wire established for Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership (Bell Aliant) in Telecom Decision 2014-601.
2. By letter dated 8 January 2015, Bell Canada, on behalf of itself and its affiliates Bell Aliant;¹ DMTS; NorthernTel, Limited Partnership (NorthernTel); Ontera; and Télébec, Limited Partnership (Télébec), agreed with the revised definition of subscriber drop wire set out in Telecom Decision 2014-601. Under separate cover, DMTS, NorthernTel, Ontera, and Télébec filed tariff notices to reflect the revised wording to the definition of subscriber drop wire in their respective support structure service tariffs; interim approval was granted to these filings in Telecom Order 2015-13.²
3. The Canadian Independent Telephone Company Joint Task Force (the JTF), on behalf of its member companies made party to this show cause proceeding;³ MTS Inc. (MTS); and TELUS Communications Company (TCC) had no objection to the revised definition of subscriber drop wire.

¹ As directed in Telecom Decision 2014-601, Bell Aliant, on 8 January 2015, issued tariff pages for Bell Canada's National Services Tariff item 901, revising the definition of subscriber drop wire. The National Services Tariff applies to both Bell Aliant and Bell Canada.

² On 19 January 2015, interim approval was granted to DMTS Tariff Notice (TN) 65, NorthernTel TN 382, Ontera TN 132, and Télébec TN 482.

³ Bruce Telecom, CityWest Telephone Corporation, CoopTel, La Cie de Téléphone de Courcelles inc., Groupe Maskatel LP, La Compagnie de Téléphone de Lambton inc., Téléphone Milot inc., NRTC Communications, Sogetel inc., Le Téléphone de St-Éphrem inc., La Compagnie de Téléphone de St-Victor, and La Compagnie de Téléphone Upton inc.

Commission's analysis and determinations

4. All of the ILECs that were made party to the show cause proceeding provided comments, with the exception of Amtelecom Limited Partnership (Amtelecom), Northwestel Inc. (Northwestel), People's Tel Limited Partnership (People's Tel), Saskatchewan Telecommunications (SaskTel), and TBayTel.
5. No evidence was filed as to why the revised definition of subscriber drop wire should not apply to the ILECs made party to this proceeding. In this regard, all ILECs that provided comments were in agreement with the revised definition.
6. Based on the above, the Commission **finds** that the revised definition of subscriber drop wire set out in Telecom Decision 2014-601 should apply to all other ILECs that have support structure services that have not already issued tariff pages.⁴ As such, the Commission **directs** Amtelecom, members of the JTF made party to the proceeding, MTS, Northwestel, People's Tel, SaskTel, TBayTel, and TCC to issue revised tariff pages,⁵ to be effective the date of this decision, within **30 days** of the date of this decision reflecting the revised definition of subscriber drop wire set out in Telecom Decision 2014-601.⁶

Secretary General

Related documents

- Telecom Order CRTC 2015-56 , 19 February 2015
- Telecom Order CRTC 2015-13, 19 January 2015
- *The definition of subscriber drop wire*, Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2014-604, 20 November 2014
- *Bragg Communications Incorporated, operating as Eastlink – Dispute over billed charges for Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership's support structures*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2014-601, 20 November 2014

⁴ See footnote 1.

⁵ Revised tariff pages can be submitted to the Commission without a description page or a request for approval; a tariff application is not required.

⁶ Concurrent with the release of this decision, the Commission has issued Telecom Order 2015-56, in which final approval was given to the tariff notices referenced in paragraph 2 above for DMTS, NorthernTel, Ontera, and Télébec.