



Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-92-1

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Revised deadline for submission of interventions: 15 June 2017

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Phase-out of the local service subsidy regime

Changes to procedure

1. With this notice, the Commission revises the procedural dates established in *Phase-out of the local service subsidy regime*, Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-92, 6 April 2017 (Telecom Notice of Consultation 2017-92).
2. By letter dated 18 April 2017, the Independent Telecommunications Providers Association (ITPA) requested that each of the deadlines set out in Telecom Notice of Consultation 2017-92 be moved three weeks later, such that initial interventions would be filed with the Commission by 15 June 2017 and the record of the proceeding would close on 29 September 2017.
3. The ITPA argued that the outcome of this proceeding will have a significant financial impact on the small incumbent local exchange carriers (small ILECs). The ITPA submitted that the extension would provide time to hire external experts as required and ensure that its members are fully represented.
4. Bell Canada, the Public Interest Advocacy Centre, and Saskatchewan Telecommunications supported the ITPA's extension request.
5. The Commission considers it reasonable to allow parties and interested persons additional time to prepare their initial interventions.
6. Accordingly, the Commission revises the procedural dates set out in Telecom Notice of Consultation 2017-92. For ease of reference, the relevant paragraphs of the notice are reproduced below, with changes highlighted in bold italics.

27. The small and large ILECs and Northwestel are made parties to this proceeding and may file interventions with the Commission by **15 June 2017**. Shortly following the release of this notice, the Commission will request

information from these ILECs in the form of interrogatories by way of a separate letter.

28. Interested persons who wish to become parties to this proceeding must file an intervention with the Commission regarding the above-noted issues by **15 June 2017**. The intervention must be filed in accordance with section 26 of the Rules of Procedure.

31. The Commission and parties may request information, in the form of interrogatories, from any party to the proceeding. The requesting party must file its request for information with the Commission, and serve the request on the party to whom it is addressed, by **13 July 2017**.

32. Responses to requests for information are to be filed with the Commission, and served on all parties, by **10 August 2017**.

33. Parties may request (i) further responses to interrogatories, specifying in each case why a further response is necessary, and (ii) the public disclosure of information that has been designated confidential, setting out in each case the reasons for disclosure. These requests must be filed with the Commission, and served on the parties to whom they are addressed, by **17 August 2017**.

34. Responses to requests for further responses to interrogatories and responses to requests for public disclosure must be filed with the Commission, and served on the parties making the requests, by **24 August 2017**.

35. Determinations regarding requests for further responses and requests for public disclosure will be issued as soon as possible. Any information to be provided pursuant to such determinations must be filed with the Commission, and served on the parties making the requests, by **11 September 2017**.

36. All parties may file final submissions with the Commission on any matter within the scope of this proceeding by **21 September 2017**. Final submissions, excluding an executive summary, are not to exceed 15 pages.

37. All parties may file final replies with the Commission by **29 September 2017**. Final replies are not to exceed 10 pages.

Secretary General