



Telecom Order CRTC 2021-306

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Northwestel Inc. – Final approval of tariff applications

1. The Commission **approves on a final basis** the following tariff applications:

Applicant	Tariff Notice and description	Date of application	Effective date
Northwestel Inc.	TN 1134 Various Tariffs – Reclassification of Community Type	23 July 2021	22 August 2021
Northwestel Inc.	TN 1135 Access Services Tariff – Reclassification of Community Type	23 July 2021	7 August 2021

2. The Commission received no interventions with respect to the applications.
3. In accordance with subparagraph 1(b)(i) of the 2006 Policy Direction,¹ the Commission considers that the approval of these applications will advance the policy objective set out in paragraph 7(f) of the *Telecommunications Act*.²
4. In accordance with the 2019 Policy Direction,³ the Commission considers that this order, which is based on a complete record, can promote competition, affordability, consumer interests, and innovation. Specifically, the final approval of these applications will promote (i) consumers' interests, because it will reclassify the communities' services from Type C to Type B to reflect network fibre upgrades, resulting in lower rates and more service options for those consumers, and (ii) innovation, because it will ensure consumers have access to high-quality telecommunications services as a result of receiving the network upgrade.
5. Revised tariff pages are to be issued within 10 calendar days of the date of this order. Revised tariff pages can be submitted to the Commission without a description page or a request for approval; a tariff application is not required.

Secretary General

¹ *Order Issuing a Direction to the CRTC on Implementing the Canadian Telecommunications Policy Objectives*, SOR/2006-355, 14 December 2006

² The cited policy objective is: 7(f) to foster increased reliance on market forces for the provision of telecommunications services and to ensure that regulation, where required, is efficient and effective.

³ *Order Issuing a Direction to the CRTC on Implementing the Canadian Telecommunications Policy Objectives to Promote Competition, Affordability, Consumer Interests and Innovation*, SOR/2019-227, 17 June 2019