Telecom Order CRTC 2022-49

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Ottawa, 23 February 2022

Northwestel Inc. - Final approval of a tariff application

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

| Applicant | Tariff Notice and description | Date of application | Effective date |
|------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------|
| Northwestel Inc. | TN 1146 Various Tariffs – Revision to Community Type | 14 January 2022 | 1 February 2022 |

- 2. The Commission received no interventions with respect to the application.
- 3. In accordance with subparagraph 1(b)(i) of the 2006 Policy Direction,¹ the Commission considers that the approval of this application 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 this application will promote (i) consumer interests by reclassifying three communities served by Terrestrial Enterprise Internet Services Optimized Internet Service, V-Connect Service, and Ethernet Wide Area Network (E-WAN) Service from Type C to Type B to reflect the network fibre upgrades, resulting in lower rates and more service options for customers, and (ii) innovation by ensuring that 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

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



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.