



Telecom Decision CRTC 2023-356

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CISC Business Process Working Group – Consensus report BPRE099B – Updated version of the Master Agreement for Local Interconnection

Background

1. In *Revisions to Master Agreement for Local Interconnection*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2022-313, 17 November 2022 (Telecom Decision 2022-313), the Commission approved the CRTC Interconnection Steering Committee (CISC) Business Process Working Group (BPWG) consensus report BPRE099A and updates to the Master Agreement for Local Interconnection (MALI).
2. In that decision, the Commission resolved a number of policy-related issues that the BPWG had identified in its report, as follows:
 - a) The termination period is to be increased to eight business days.
 - b) The notice provisions are to be revised to allow for service of notifications by email where parties mutually agree in advance to its use and on a method for acknowledgment of receipt (by return email, an affidavit, or other method). This agreement may be made for notices generally at the time of signing the agreement or, with respect to specific notices, at any other time while a MALI is in effect. In the absence of an agreement, notices are to be sent by registered mail.
 - c) Confidentiality wording is to be added to Schedule A to ensure that employees are bound by confidentiality obligations that are at least at the same degree of care that the receiving party uses for its own highly confidential business-related matters.
 - d) As a result of the addition in c) above, Attachment 1 to Schedule A is no longer to be completed by employees and can be deleted from the MALI.
 - e) The terms “unbundled network elements” and “unbundled local loops” are to be removed from the MALI.
 - f) The MALI is to be amended to state that in the event of a disagreement between the MALI and the Canadian Local Ordering Guideline, the latter shall prevail.

The report

3. The CISC forwarded to the Commission, for its approval, the BPWG consensus report BPRE099B (the report) and a version of the MALI (MALIv30.2) updated in accordance with Telecom Decision 2022-313.

Commission's analysis

4. The Commission considers that the report and the revised MALI accurately reflect its determinations in Telecom Decision 2022-313.

Conclusion

5. In light of the above, the Commission **approves** the report and the updated version of the MALI as submitted by the BPWG.

Secretary General