

Telecom Order CRTC 2007-354-1

Ottawa, 26 September 2007

Bell Canada

Reference: Tariff Notice 7062

Ex parte application

Erratum

Telecom Order CRTC 2007-354 dated 25 September 2007 should read as follows:

- 1. The Commission **approves on an interim basis**, the *ex parte* application¹ by Bell Canada, dated 12 September 2007, subject to the following condition.
- 2. Bell Canada is to advise the Commission of the outcome of the selection process as soon as possible and notify the Commission whether the customer has awarded the contract to Bell Canada. If Bell Canada is awarded the contract, the company is directed to <u>file</u> with the Commission, within two business days of the date of the above notification, an electronic version of the abridged application² for the Commission web site. Among other things, the *CRTC Telecommunications Rules of Procedure* and Telecom Circular CRTC 2005-9 allow interveners to comment, within 25 days, on tariff applications that have been placed on the public record.

Secretary General

Canada

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An *ex parte* application is an application that has been filed with the Commission without notice to the public and, as such, is not placed on the public record when initially filed. An *ex parte* decision is one in which the Commission disposes of an application solely on the basis of the applicant's submissions. Subsection 61(3) of the *Telecommunications Act* allows the Commission to make an *ex parte* decision where it considers that the circumstances of the case justify it. In *Review of regulatory framework*, Telecom Decision CRTC 94-19, 16 September 1994, the Commission set out several considerations to be balanced in any determination to permit *ex parte* tariff filings, including the public interest in the effective operation of the competitive marketplace and the public interest in an open regulatory process.

² Finalization of a streamlined process for retail tariff filings, Telecom Circular CRTC 2005-9, 1 November 2005.