



Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2026-85

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Call for comments – Proposed amendments to the *Telecommunications Fees Regulations, 2010*

Deadline for submission of interventions: 13 July 2026

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Summary

Telecommunications fees are collected pursuant to the *Telecommunications Fees Regulations, 2010* (the Fees Regulations). In Telecom Decision 2026-32, the Commission increased the minimum revenue threshold that determines whether a telecommunications service provider contributes to the National Contribution Fund and pays annual telecommunications fees. As a result, the minimum revenue threshold was increased from \$10 million to \$25 million per year. In order to give effect to this determination, the Commission must update the Fees Regulations to reflect the new minimum revenue threshold.

Anyone can comment on the wording of the proposed amendments to the Fees Regulations by filing an intervention on or before **13 July 2026**.

Background

1. In Telecom Decision 2000-745, the Commission introduced a national revenue-based contribution collection mechanism. As a result, telecommunications service providers (TSPs), or groups of related TSPs, that had \$10 million or more in Canadian telecommunications service revenues (CTSR)¹ have paid annual contributions into a national fund called the National Contribution Fund (NCF).
2. Pursuant to the *Telecommunications Fees Regulations, 2010*² (the Fees Regulations), TSPs are also required to pay telecommunications fees, which are collected to recover the Commission's

¹ Contribution-eligible revenues are defined as total CTSR less the following deductions: contribution revenues received, inter-carrier expenses to other TSPs, revenues from terminal equipment, and non-eligible revenue earned from bundled services.

² *Telecommunications Fees Regulations, 2010*, SOR/2010-65.

costs attributable to its responsibilities under the *Telecommunications Act* (the Act). The amount that each TSP owes is prorated based on its share of the total contribution-eligible revenues of all TSPs that have to pay telecommunications fees. In Telecom Decision 2006-71, the Commission determined that the minimum revenue threshold established in Telecom Decision 2000-745 for contributions to the NCF would also be applied to the collection of telecommunications fees. Telecom Information Bulletin 2019-396 sets out the formula for the calculation of contributions to the revenue-based contribution regime and is incorporated into the Fees Regulations.

3. In Telecom Decision 2026-32, the Commission increased the minimum revenue threshold for contributions to the NCF from \$10 million to \$25 million. To align telecommunications fees with the new minimum revenue threshold adopted in Telecom Decision 2026-32, the Commission must update paragraph 2(b) of the Fees Regulations to reflect the new minimum revenue threshold of \$25 million. The Commission also proposes to modernize the title of the *Telecommunications Fees Regulations, 2010* to read *Telecommunications Fees Regulations*.
4. The Commission issued Telecom Information Bulletin 2026-75 (which is replacing Telecom Information Bulletin 2019-396) to reflect the update to its revenue-based contribution regime. An updated reference to Telecom Information Bulletin 2026-75 will be incorporated into the definition of “contribution-eligible revenues” in section 1 of the Fees Regulations. This change will take effect on 1 January of the year following amendments to the Fees Regulations (expected to be completed in 2026).
5. Subsection 69(1) of the Act requires that a reasonable opportunity be given to interested persons to make representations regarding any proposed amendments to regulations prescribing fees. The purpose of this notice is to provide such an opportunity, in conjunction with the simultaneous publication of the proposed regulatory amendments in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I.

What you need to know to participate in this proceeding

Procedure

6. The *Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure* (the [Rules of Procedure](#)) apply to the present proceeding. Accordingly, the procedure set out below must be read in conjunction with the Rules of Procedure and related documents, which can be found on the Commission’s website under [Statutes and Regulations](#). The guidelines set out in Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin 2010-959 provide information to help interested persons and parties understand the Rules of Procedure so that they can more effectively participate in Commission proceedings.

Submitting comments

7. The Commission invites comments on the proposed amendments to the Fees Regulations set out in the appendix to this notice. The Commission will accept interventions that it receives on or

before **13 July 2026**. Only parties to the proceeding can participate in later stages of the proceeding.

8. Interested persons who wish to become parties to this proceeding must submit an intervention.
9. Any interested persons can request accommodations to participate in this proceeding. This could be related to disability, or to other reasons, like religious observance, or to a combination of reasons. If you wish to request accommodations in filing your comments, you are encouraged to make your request **within the first 15 days** after this notice of consultation is posted on the Commission's website.
10. Interested persons who require assistance submitting comments can contact the Commission's Hearings & Public Proceedings group at hearing@crtc.gc.ca.
11. For more information on accessibility and accommodations in Commission proceedings, see Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin 2025-95.
12. Pursuant to Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin 2015-242, the Commission expects incorporated entities and associations, and encourages all interested persons and parties, to file submissions for Commission proceedings in accessible formats (for example, text-based file formats that allow text to be enlarged or modified, or read by screen readers). To provide assistance in this regard, the Commission has posted on its website [guidelines](#) for preparing documents in accessible formats.
13. Interested persons are permitted to coordinate, organize, and file, in a single submission, interventions by other interested persons who share their position. Information on how to file this type of submission, known as a joint supporting intervention, as well as a template for the covering letter to be filed by parties, can be found in Telecom Information Bulletin 2011-693.
14. Submissions longer than five pages should include a summary. Each paragraph of all submissions should be numbered, and the line *****End of document***** should follow the last paragraph. This will help the Commission verify that the document has not been damaged during electronic transmission.
15. All documents required to be served on parties to the proceeding must be served using the contact information contained in the interventions. The Commission encourages interested persons and parties to monitor the record of the proceeding, available on the Commission's website, for additional information that they may find useful when preparing their submissions.
16. Submissions must be filed by sending them to the Secretary General of the Commission using **only one** of the following means:

by completing the
[\[Intervention form\]](#)

or

by mail to

CRTC, Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0N2

or

by fax at

819-994-0218

17. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, a document must be received by the Commission and all relevant parties by 5 p.m. Vancouver time (8 p.m. Gatineau time) on the date it is due. Parties are responsible for ensuring the timely delivery of their submissions and will not be notified if their submissions are received after the deadline. Late submissions, including those due to postal delays, will not be considered by the Commission and will not be made part of the public record.
18. The Commission will not formally acknowledge submissions. It will, however, fully consider all submissions, which will form part of the public record of the proceeding, provided that the procedure for filing set out above has been followed.
19. Parties that send documents electronically must ensure that they will be able to prove, upon Commission request, that filing, or where required, service of a particular document was completed. Accordingly, parties must keep proof of the sending and receipt of each document for 180 days after the date on which the document is filed or served. The Commission advises parties who file or serve documents by electronic means to exercise caution when using email for the service of documents, as it may be difficult to establish that service has occurred.

Confidentiality notice

20. The Commission's proceedings are designed to allow members of the public to provide input so that it can make better, more informed decisions. As a result, the general rule is that all information filed with the Commission is placed on the public record and can be reviewed by all parties and members of the public.
21. However, the Commission also often needs detailed information from the companies it regulates and supervises to make an informed decision. This information can be commercially sensitive, especially as the environment in which the companies operate becomes more competitive. The Commission will therefore accept certain information as confidential.
22. Parties can designate information as confidential under subsection 39(1) of the Act and provide a detailed rationale as to why that information should be considered confidential. The Commission reminds parties that when a document is filed with confidential information, an abridged version must also be filed so that it can be included in the public record.

Privacy notice

23. Please note the following:

- Documents will be posted on the Commission's website exactly as received, in the official language and format in which they are received. This includes any personal information contained in them, such as full names, email addresses, postal/street addresses, and telephone and fax numbers.
- All personal information parties provide as part of this public proceeding, except information designated as confidential, will be posted on the Commission's website and can be accessed by others.
- However, the information parties provide can only be accessed from the web page of this particular proceeding. As a result, a general search of the Commission's website using either its search engine or a third-party search engine will not provide access to the information that was provided as part of this public proceeding.
- The personal information that parties provide will be used and may be disclosed for the purpose for which the information was obtained or compiled by the Commission or for a use consistent with that purpose.

Availability of documents

24. Links to interventions, as well as other documents referred to in this notice, are available on the Commission's "[Consultations and hearings: have your say](#)" page.

25. Interested persons can find electronic versions of the documents by clicking on "[\[Submit an intervention or view related documents\]](#)" at the top of this notice.

26. Documents are available upon request during normal business hours by contacting:

Documentation Centre
Examinationroom@crtc.gc.ca

Client Services
Toll-free telephone: 1-877-249-2782
Toll-free TTY: 1-877-909-2782

Secretary General



Appendix to Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2026-85

Proposed *Regulations Amending the Telecommunications Fees Regulations, 2010*

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Amendments

1. The long title of the *Telecommunications Fees Regulations, 2010*¹ is replaced by the following:

Telecommunications Fees Regulations

2. The definition *contribution-eligible revenues* in section 1 of the Regulations is replaced by the following:

contribution-eligible revenues means revenues calculated in accordance with the formula set out in Part A of the Appendix to the Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2026-75, entitled *Update to the Canadian revenue-based contribution regime, effective 1 January 2026* and published on April 23, 2026. (*revenus admissibles à la contribution*)

3. Paragraph 2(b) of the Regulations is replaced by the following:

(b) the telecommunications service provider, or the group of related telecommunications service providers of which it belongs, had at least \$25 million in Canadian telecommunications services revenues for its fiscal year ending in the preceding calendar year.

Coming into force

4. These Regulations come into force on January 1, 2026.

¹ SOR/2010-65.

Related documents

- *Update to the Canadian revenue-based contribution regime, effective 1 January 2026*, Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2026-75, 23 April 2026
- *Independent Telecommunications Providers Association - Request to increase the \$10 million minimum revenue threshold for participation in the National Contribution Fund and payment of telecommunications fees*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2026-32, 18 February 2026
- *Accessibility and accommodations guidelines*, Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2025-95, 14 May 2025
- *The Canadian revenue-based contribution regime, effective 1 January 2020*, Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2019-396, 4 December 2019
- *Filing submissions for Commission proceedings in accessible formats*, Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2015-242, 8 June 2015
- *Filing of joint supporting interventions*, Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2011-693, 8 November 2011
- *Guidelines on the CRTC Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2010-959, 23 December 2010
- *Part VII application to revise the Telecommunications Fees Regulations, 1995*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-71, 6 November 2006
- *Changes to the contribution regime*, Decision CRTC 2000-745, 30 November 2000