



## Telecom Order CRTC 2005-223

Ottawa, 9 June 2005

### Bell Canada

Reference: Tariff Notices 6874 and 6874A

#### *Ex parte* application

1. The Commission **approves on an interim basis** the *ex parte* application<sup>1</sup> by Bell Canada, dated 26 May 2005 and amended on 8 June 2005, effective on 14 June 2005. The issued tariff pages must include, at all times, all currently applicable rates and charges.
2. In order that the application may be available for public examination consistent with the *CRTC Telecommunications Rules of Procedure* (the Rules), Bell Canada is directed to file with the Commission, within two business days of 14 June 2005, an electronic version of the application for the public examination room at the Commission's headquarters in Gatineau, Quebec, and for the Commission's web site. Among other things, the Rules allow interveners to comment, within 30 days, on tariff applications that have been placed on the public record.

Secretary General

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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