



Telecom Order CRTC 2005-59

Ottawa, 16 February 2005

ExaTEL Inc.

Reference: Tariff Notice 8

Primary inter-exchange carrier processing charges

1. The Commission received an application by ExaTEL Inc. (ExaTEL), dated 28 January 2005, to revise General Tariff item 302.4, Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) Processing, in order to reflect the rates approved for the incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) in *Primary inter-exchange carrier processing charges review*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2004-72, 9 November 2004 (Decision 2004-72).
2. PIC processing rates apply when an interexchange service provider (IXSP) requests that a local exchange carrier (LEC) either establish or change the PIC selection associated with a LEC's customers access lines.
3. ExaTEL requested that the PIC processing charge per network access service (NAS) rates take effect as of 20 March 2003, and that the remaining PIC processing rates take effect as of 9 November 2004.
4. In *Local competition*, Telecom Decision CRTC 97-8, 1 May 1997, the Commission determined that it was in the public interest to require competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) to provide interconnection to all IXSPs and wireless service providers, at terms and conditions that were equivalent to those contained in the ILECs' tariffs. The Commission required all CLECs to file proposed tariffs for interconnection, justifying any departure from the terms and conditions contained in the ILECs' tariffs.
5. The Commission notes that the proposed rates conform to those approved for the ILECs in Decision 2004-72.
6. In Decision 2004-72, the Commission considered it appropriate for the ILECs to adopt the lower cost-based rates for the PIC processing charge per NAS, on a final basis, effective 20 March 2003. The remaining PIC processing rates were made effective the date of the Decision.
7. In light of the above, the Commission **approves on an interim basis** ExaTEL's application. The PIC processing charge per NAS is effective as of 20 March 2003. The remaining PIC processing rates are effective as of 9 November 2004.
8. The Commission directs ExaTEL to provide refunds retroactive to 20 March 2003 for the PIC processing charge per NAS.

Secretary General

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