



Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2005-8-2

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Framework for forbearance from regulation of high-speed intra-exchange digital services

Reference: 8640-C12-200507618 and 8640-B2-200401506

1. In this Public Notice, the Commission introduces additional process and revises the timelines for the above proceeding.
2. The Commission received a letter from the United Telecom Council of Canada (UTC) dated 19 October 2005 requesting a two week extension to respond to the interrogatories addressed in the proceeding initiated by *Framework for forbearance from regulation of high speed intra-exchange digital service*, Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2005-8, 30 June 2005, as amended by Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2005-8-1, 22 July 2005 (the proceeding). In its letter UTC stated that, "... the work required to provide answers is extensive and the parties in question lack the resources required to respond in the short time period allotted."
3. On 20 October 2005, the Commission received a letter from TELUS Communications Inc. in support of UTC's request for extension and further requested that the extension be granted to all parties. On 24 October 2005, the Commission received separate letters from Quebecor Media Inc. and Rogers Communication Inc. supporting the two week extension request made by UTC.
4. On 14 October 2005, Commission staff addressed interrogatories to service providers, most of which were referred to, in Bell Canada's 1 September 2005 submission, as "known local fibre competitors". The Commission notes that many of these service providers, to whom interrogatories were addressed on 14 October 2005, are not registered with the Commission as interested parties to this proceeding. Therefore, the Commission would like to invite those service providers that wish to register as an interested party, on a going forward basis, to do so using the registration form at <http://support.crtc.gc.ca/procedures/eng/crtc89.asp> (new registrants).
5. The Commission considers that while it is important to complete this process and issue a decision in a timely fashion, it is also important that the new registrants be given an opportunity to file comments on the record of this proceeding.
6. The Commission further considers that, in view of the information requested in the interrogatory process, UTC's request for a two-week extension is reasonable.
7. In light of the above matters, the Commission has revised the timelines set out in Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2005-8-1 as follows:

8. Responses to interrogatories are to be filed with the Commission and served on all parties by **18 November 2005**.
9. New registrants may review Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2005-8 and submit written comments, serving copies on all parties, by **18 November 2005**.
10. Requests by parties for further responses to interrogatories, specifying in each case why a further response is both relevant and necessary, and requests for public disclosure of information for which confidentiality has been claimed, setting out in each case the reasons for disclosure, must be filed with the Commission and served on the relevant party or parties by **25 November 2005**.
11. Written responses to requests for further responses to interrogatories and for public disclosure must be filed with the Commission and served on the party or parties making the request by **9 December 2005**.
12. A determination with respect to requests for further information and for public disclosure will be issued as soon as possible. Any information to be provided pursuant to that determination must be filed with the Commission and served on all parties, by **13 January 2006**.
13. All parties may file final argument with the Commission on matters within the scope of this proceeding, serving a copy on other parties by **27 January 2006**.
14. Parties may file reply comments with the Commission, serving a copy on all other parties by **10 February 2006**.

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