



## Telecom Order CRTC 2006-317

Ottawa, 17 November 2006

### **Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership**

Reference: Tariff Notices 39 and 39A

#### **Co-location power service rates and housekeeping changes**

1. The Commission received an application by Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership (Bell Aliant), dated 15 September 2006 and amended 21 September 2006, proposing revisions to several General Tariff, Access Services Tariff and Special Facilities Tariff items to bring them in line with the corresponding Bell Canada tariffs. These tariff items are set out in the Appendix to this Order.
2. In its application, Bell Aliant proposed to reflect the application of the inflation factor minus productivity offset (I-X) constraints as directed in *Regulatory framework for second price cap period*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2002-34, 30 May 2002, as amended by Telecom Decision CRTC 2002-34-1 dated 15 July 2002 (Decision 2002-34), and to implement the price changes as directed in *Bell Canada and TCC – Co-location power service rates*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-42, 30 June 2006, as amended by Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-42-1 dated 25 August 2006.
3. Bell Aliant noted that the proposed rates had been charged coincident with the effective date stipulated in Decision 2002-34. In addition to seeking approval of these rates, Bell Aliant sought Commission ratification, pursuant to subsection 25(4) of the *Telecommunications Act* (the Act), for the charging of the rates for these services by Bell Aliant prior to the date of the Commission's approval.
4. In Telecom Order CRTC 2006-251, 28 September 2006, the Commission granted interim approval to Bell Aliant's application.
5. The Commission received no comments with respect to this application.
6. The Commission notes that the proposed rates, terms and conditions in Bell Aliant's applications are identical to those in Bell Canada's tariffs for the same services and considers this to be appropriate. The Commission also notes that the rates in Bell Canada's General Tariff item 5400 – Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) Access Service, Access Services Tariff item 110 – Co-Location Arrangements for Interconnecting Canadian Carriers and Digital Subscriber Line Service Providers (DSLSP), and Access Services Tariff item 122 – Ethernet CO Connecting Link Arrangements are the subject of ongoing proceedings and remain interim.

7. Paragraph 25(4)(a) of the Act provides that:

25. (4) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Commission may ratify the charging of a rate by a Canadian carrier otherwise than in accordance with a tariff approved by the Commission if the Commission is satisfied that the rate

(a) was charged because of an error or other circumstance that warrants the ratification;

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8. Given that the rates charged by Bell Aliant are identical to Bell Canada's tariffed rates, the Commission considers that it would be appropriate to ratify the charging of these rates for the period between the establishment of the company<sup>1</sup> and the date this application was granted interim approval.

9. In light of the above, the Commission **approves on a final basis** Bell Aliant's proposed revisions to its General Tariff, Access Services Tariff, and Special Facilities Tariff, with the exception of the rates for ADSL Access Service, Co-Location Arrangements for Interconnecting Canadian Carriers, and Ethernet CO Connecting Link Arrangements, which shall remain interim. The Commission ratifies, pursuant to subsection 25(4) of the Act, the charging of the proposed rates for the period between 7 July 2006 and 28 September 2006.

Secretary General

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<sup>1</sup> On 7 July 2006, Bell Canada's regional wireline telecommunications operations in Ontario and Quebec were combined with, among other things, the wireline telecommunications operations of Aliant Telecom Inc., Société en commandite Télébec, and NorthernTel, Limited Partnership to form Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership.

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## **Appendix – Bell Aliant's list of tariff items for proposed revisions**

Note: Services with \* remain interim.

### **General Tariff items**

- 26 Sale of Tariffs and Directory Files
- 1985 Network Portability Access Service
- 1990 General (related to Telephone Number Access Service)
- 2025 Integrated Voice Messaging Service (IVMS)
- 4195 General (related to Switched Network Access for Conventional Radio System Operators and Private Mobile System Operators)
- 5400\* Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) Access Service

### **Access Services Tariff items**

- 40 Interconnecting Circuits with Trunk-Side Access
- 41 Operator Services
- 42 Billing and Collection Service
- 70 800/888 Carrier Access: Multi-Carrier Selection Capability
- 75 Dialed Number Transport Capability
- 80 Network Announcements for Customers of Disconnected IXC's with Feature Group D Service
- 85 Bulk Transfer of a Customer Base between IXC's having Feature Group D Service
- 105 Local Network Interconnection and Component Unbundling
- 110\* Co-Location Arrangements for Interconnecting Canadian Carriers
- 120 Link Arrangements for Interconnecting Canadian Carriers and Digital Subscriber Line Service Providers (DSLSP)
- 122\* Ethernet CO Connecting Link Arrangements
- 130 Competitor Digital Network (CDN) Services
- 305 Billed Number Screening (BNS) Database Service

### **Special Facilities Tariff items**

- G6 Central Office Located Customer-Provided Equipment
- G8 Central Office Located Customer-Provided Equipment
- G12 Central Office Located Customer-Provided Equipment
- G15 Wireless Access Service
- G16 Cellular Voice Channels
- G17 Cellular Access Service Types II & III
- G18 Directory Information Service for Wireless Service Providers
- G19 Mini Cell Site for Wireless Service Operators (WSOs)