



Telecom Order CRTC 2007-156

Ottawa, 4 May 2007

MTS Allstream Inc.

Reference: Tariff Notice 612

Destandardization of Type C Local Loop service

1. The Commission received an application by MTS Allstream Inc. (MTS Allstream), dated 31 January 2007, proposing revisions to its Access Services Tariff (AST) item 105, Local Network Interconnection and Component Unbundling, to destandardize Type C Local Loop service. In support of its application, MTS Allstream provided the information required by the Commission in *New procedures for disposition of applications dealing with the destandardization and/or withdrawal of tariffed services*, Telecom Circular CRTC 2005-7, 30 May 2005 (Circular 2005-7), including a copy of the notice sent to affected customers.
2. MTS Allstream submitted that Type C Local Loop service was provided at the same rates, terms, and conditions specified in both AST item 125 – Competitor Digital Network (CDN) service and Special Services and Facilities Tariff item 6001 – Digital Network Access (DNA). MTS Allstream noted that Type C local loops had become redundant as there was no difference between a Type C local loop and a CDN or DNA service at DS-1 speed. MTS Allstream further noted that incremental costs were incurred in maintaining the Type C Local Loop service. For these reasons, MTS Allstream proposed to destandardize Type C Local Loop service, effective 19 March 2007. MTS Allstream indicated that it was not proposing to withdraw this service at this time.
3. The Commission received no comments on this application.
4. The Commission notes that, under the company's proposal, new installations, moves, rearrangements, or other changes to this service will no longer be allowed, but that existing customers will continue to receive the service. The Commission further notes that customers wishing to expand their Type C Local Loop service can do so by using CDN or DNA service at DS-1 speed, as applicable. The Commission considers that CDN and DNA services at DS-1 speed are acceptable substitutes for Type C Local Loop service in terms of functionality, cost, and geographic location.
5. The Commission finds that MTS Allstream has fulfilled the customer notification and evidentiary requirements of Circular 2005-7. Further, the Commission considers that the impact of the destandardization of Type C Local Loop service on existing customers would be minimal. Therefore, the Commission considers that MTS Allstream's proposal to destandardize this service is reasonable.

6. The Commission notes that similar applications by Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership (Tariff Notice 23) and Bell Canada (Tariff Notice 6971) to destandardize Type C local loops were approved on 1 November 2006 in Telecom Order CRTC 2006-294 and Telecom Order CRTC 2006-295, respectively. In these Orders, the Commission considered that CDN and DNA services at DS-1 speed were acceptable as substitute services.
7. In light of the above, the Commission **approves** MTS Allstream's proposal to destandardize Type C Local Loop service, effective the date of this Order.

Secretary General

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