



Telecom Order CRTC 2009-426

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Ontario Telecommunications Association – Toll interconnection services

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1. The Commission received an application by the Ontario Telecommunications Association (OTA), dated 27 May 2009, proposing revisions to Ontario Independent Services Tariff item 235, Toll Interconnection Services.
2. In its application, the OTA submitted that only revisions to the tables showing the categories for toll trunks were needed to reflect changes to the number of toll trunks for some of its member companies.
3. The OTA requested ratification of the rates it had charged between 1 January 2009 and the effective date of this order, because its member companies had been charging the rates associated with the proposed tariff changes during that period. The OTA submitted that changes in personnel prevented the filing of these revisions on a timelier basis.
4. The Commission received no comments regarding this application.
5. The Commission notes that it granted the OTA's application interim approval on 9 June 2009 in Telecom Order 2009-337, effective the date that order was issued.
6. The Commission notes that in Telecom Decision 2006-14, it determined that the applicable direct connection and trunking rates were to be established for each calendar year on the basis of actual annual toll conversation minutes and actual toll interconnection trunks.
7. Pursuant to subsection 25(4) of the *Telecommunications Act*, 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 was charged because of an error or other circumstance that warrants the ratification.
8. The Commission finds that, under the circumstances, it is appropriate to ratify the charging of the toll trunk rates by the OTA member companies during the time the services were provided at rates otherwise than in accordance with a tariff approved by the Commission.
9. Accordingly, the Commission **approves on a final basis** the OTA's application. In addition, the Commission ratifies the rates charged by member companies for toll trunks for the period from 1 January 2009 to 9 June 2009. The Commission directs the OTA to issue revised tariff pages, with an effective date of 9 June 2009, within 10 days of the date of this order.

Secretary General

Related documents

- Telecom Order CRTC 2009-337, 9 June 2009
- *Revised regulatory framework for the small incumbent local exchange carriers*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2006-14, 29 March 2006

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