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Ms. Diane Rhéaume Secretary General Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Ottawa, ON K1A 0N2

Dear Ms. Rhéaume:

Re: Quality of Service Results – Second Quarter 2005

Pursuant to paragraph 38 of Telecom Decision CRTC 97-16, Decision CRTC 2000-24, Order CRTC 2000-397, and Decision CRTC 2001-217, TELUS Communications Inc. hereby files its Second Quarter 2005 Quality of Service results.

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The results are presented in Attachments 1 and 1a. Attachment 2 consists of the Appendices to Decision CRTC 2000-24, Order CRTC 2000-397, and Decision CRTC 2001-217, which contain a description of the indicators, measurement methods, geographical reporting requirements and the final standards.

Filing of these results was delayed by a work stoppage involving TELUS' unionized team members which commenced July 21, 2005. A settlement was reached on November 20, 2005. TELUS sincerely apologizes for any inconvenience this delayed filing may have caused.

Due to the worst rain and flooding conditions in over 100 years in southern Alberta, TELUS experienced degraded quality of service results in June. An exclusion application will be filed with the Commission under separate cover.

Yours truly,

Terry Connolly⊂

Director, Regulatory Affairs

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Attachments

cc: CRTC, Public Examination Room, Ottawa, Edmonton, Vancouver

#### TCI 2005 Notes

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2005: January to March

TELUS is pleased to report that all 42 quality of service measures monitored by the CRTC were at or above established standards by the end of the first quarter, 2005.

As has been evidenced in past reports, considerable ongoing progress has been made in the quality of service levels that TELUS is consistently achieving on all CRTC retail service indicators. TELUS remains committed to providing unparalleled levels of customer service such that the delivery of customer service excellence becomes a hallmark for TELUS in 2005 and beyond.

The following detail is provided on the four areas that began the quarter below standard.

# 1. Indicator 2.1A and 2.1B - Out-of-Service Trouble Reports Cleared Within 24 Hours (Urban and Rural)

Indicator 2.1A Results: January 69%, February 76%, March 88% Indicator 2.1B Results: January 67%, February 75%, March 82%

Standard: 80%

Ongoing infrastructure maintenance, the cable replacement program and more favourable weather conditions contributed to positive trending and overall improved results for the quarter.

## 2. Indicator 2.2B: Repair Appointments Met (Rural)

Results: January 88%, February 88%, March 91%

Standard: 90%

Recruitment efforts have increased the number of field personnel available to meet appointment times and more effectively balance workload demands.

## 3. Indicator 2.6: Competitor Repair Appointments Met (Rural)

Results: January 86%, February 87%, March 90%

Standard: 90%

Competitor Repair Appointments Met results have improved as a result of modifications to systems, processes and resourcing to better achieve high performance levels.

#### TCI 2005 Notes

# 4. Indicator 1.5: Access to Business Office Indicator 2.5: Access to Repair Bureau

While these indicators were not below standard we wish to advise that due to a platform application error, data is not available for Indicator 1.5 (March 12 and 13) and Indicator 2.5 (March 11-14). The impact on results is believed to be negligible as March 12 and 13 are weekend days with lower call volumes.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2005: April to June

TELUS remains committed to providing unparalleled levels of customer service such that the delivery of customer service excellence becomes a hallmark for TELUS in 2005 and beyond.

The following detail is provided on the four indicators that were at or below standard.

# 5. Indicator 2.1A and 2.1B - Out-of-Service Trouble Reports Cleared Within 24 Hours (Urban and Rural)

Indicator 2.1A Results: April 84%, May 87%, June 72% Indicator 2.1B Results: April 81%, May 84%, June 71%

Standard: 80%

Favorable momentum in service results realized in Q1 carried forward during April and May. June results were negatively impacted by the worst flooding in over 100 years in southern Alberta during the month.

### 6. Indicator 2.2B: Repair Appointments Met (Rural)

Results: April 90%, May 91%, June 87%

Standard: 90%

While April and May Repair Appointments met yielded strong results above standard, service performance could not be sustained in light of record rainfall in southern Alberta during the month.

## 7. Indicator 2.6: Competitor Repair Appointments Met

Results: April 92%, May 92%, June 90%

Standard: 90%

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Competitor Repair Appointments Met results were maintained above standard for April and May. June results were below standard due to record rainfall in southern Alberta.

TCI Quality of Service Indicators 2005

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### Quality of Service Indicators for Telephone Companies (Decisions CRTC 97-16, 2000-24, and 2001-217 and Order 2000-397)

INTERFACE 1: SERVICE PROVISIONING

Indicator 1.1: Provisioning Interval

Definition: Number of days required to provide service

from the date of customer's request.

Measurement Method: Completed urban and rural orders are each

> sorted to determine the actual number and percentage completed in 5 working days or less for urban and 10 working days or less for rural - exclude from this measures, customers requesting a date beyond the applicable

provisioning interval.

Geographical Basis: Urban and Rural.

Final Standard: Urban - 90% or more completed within 5

working days. Rural - 90% or more completed

within 10 working days.

Indicator 1.2: Installation Appointments Met

Definition: The total number of appointments booked and

the number met, with percentage of those met

relative to the total booked.

Measurement Method: Completed orders are sorted to determine the

actual number and percentage completed on

the appointed date.

Geographical Basis: Urban and Rural.

Final Standard: 90% or more. Indicator 1.3: Held Orders per 100 Network Access Services (NAS) Inward

**Movement** 

<u>Definition</u>: The number of outstanding requests for NAS

which were not met on the due date because

of facility shortages, expressed as a

percentage of 100 NAS Inward Movement

(Orders).

Measurement Method: The compilation of orders for NAS outstanding

at the end of the month which were not met on

the due date.

Geographical Basis: Urban and Rural.

<u>Final Standard</u>: 3.3% or less.

Indicator 1.4: Held Upgrades per 100 Upgrade Requests - Rural

<u>Definition</u>: The number of rural outstanding requests for

higher grades of service (e.g., from 4-party to 2-party service) unfilled for more than 30 days.

Measurement Method: A count of rural held upgrades (i.e., unfilled

requests for upgrades) is taken at the end of each month, and those held over 30 days are calculated as a percentage of all upgrade requests (new requests plus requests unfilled

from previous month).

Geographical Basis: Rural areas only.

Final Standard: 53% or less.

#### (Note:

- 1. To be reported only by telephone companies with party lines in rural areas. All other telephone companies may mark this indicator as "N/A" (Not Applicable) in their Quarterly Quality of Service Reports.
- 2. If a telephone company's service improvement program is being tracked by a Commission-established monitoring program as a result of the high cost decision, the quarterly reporting of this indicator is not required. However, the progress report resulting from the monitoring program to track service improvement plans should be filed annually as part of the fourth quarter quality of service report filing.)

Indicator 1.5: Access To Business Office

<u>Definition</u>: The percentage of calls to a business office

answered in 20 seconds or less.

Measurement Method: All incoming calls to the business offices are

measured to determine the percentage of calls

answered in 20 seconds or less.

Geographical Basis: Company-wide only as these calls are all

centrally handled irrespective of where the

calls originate.

<u>Final Standard</u>: 80% or more.

Indicator 1.6: Competitor Installation Appointments Met

<u>Definition</u>: The total number of installation appointments

booked and the number met, with percentage of those met relative to the total booked for

customers who are also competitors.

Measurement Method: Completed orders are sorted to determine the

actual number and percentage completed on

the appointed date.

Geographical Basis: Company-wide.

<u>Final Standard</u>: 90% or more.

Indicator 1.7: On-Time Activation of PICs for Alternate Providers of Long
Distance Service (APLDS)

<u>Definition</u>: PIC activation is the provisioning process

whereby the incumbent telephone companies switch a customer's long distance service over to a competitor. Each telephone company with equal access must handle PICs using their own Commission-approved "PIC/CARE Access Customer Handbook" (company's handbook).

Measurement Method: Completed PIC requests are sorted to

determine the actual number and percentage completed in accordance with the company's

handbook.

Geographical Basis: Company-wide.

<u>Final Standard</u>: 90% or more.

INTERFACE 2: REPAIR SERVICE

Indicator 2.1: Out-of-Service Trouble Reports Cleared Within 24 Hours

<u>Definition</u>: The total of initial out-of-service trouble reports

and those cleared within 24 hours.

Percentages of those cleared relative to this

total.

Measurement Method: Compilation of trouble report data gathered at

each repair bureau.

Geographical Basis: Urban and Rural.

<u>Final Standard</u>: 80% or more.

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Indicator 2.2: Repair Appointments Met

<u>Definition</u>: The actual number and percentage of repair

appointments met.

Measurement Method: Completed repair orders are compiled and the

number and percentage of appointments met

are reported.

Geographical Basis: Urban and Rural.

<u>Final Standard</u>: 90% or more.

Indicator 2.3: Initial Customer Trouble Reports per 100 Network Access Service

<u>Definition</u>: A report of a trouble from a customer indicating

improper functioning of service on which there

was no outstanding trouble report.

Measurement Method: The total number of initial trouble reports

(excluding duplicate/multiple reports of same outage) and calculated as a percentage of

NAS in service.

Geographical Basis: Urban and Rural.

Final Standard: 5% or less.

Indicator 2.4: Community Isolation

<u>Definition</u>: Community isolation resulting from trunk failure

that lasts one hour or more.

Measurement Method Actual incidents that occurred and the

communities affected. Count each

occurrence.

Geographical Basis: Community isolation incidents will be reported

company wide, according to the following

categories:

Category 1 – Local network outage causing small community isolation lasting 60 minutes or

longer.

Category 2 - Local network outage relating to 10,000 lines lasting 60 minutes or longer. Category 3 – Local network outage relating to 30,000 lines lasting 60 minutes or longer.

<u>Final Standard</u>: Not applicable.

Indicator 2.5: Access To Repair Bureau

<u>Definition</u>: The percentage of calls to a repair bureau

answered in 20 seconds or less.

Measurement Method: All incoming calls to the repair bureau are

measured to determine the percentage of calls

answered in 20 seconds or less.

Geographical Basis: Company-wide, as these calls are all centrally

handled irrespective of where the calls

originate.

Final Standard: 80% or more.

Indicator 2.6: Competitor Repair Appointments Met

<u>Definition</u>: The total of number of repair appointments

booked and the number met, with percentages of those met relative to the total booked for

customers who are also competitors.

Measurement Method: Completed orders are sorted to determine the

actual number and percentage completed on

the appointed date.

Geographical Basis: Company-wide.

<u>Final Standard</u>: 90% or more.

**INTERFACE 3: LOCAL SERVICES** 

Indicator 3.1: Dial Tone Delay

<u>Definition</u>: The percentage of attempted calls during the

busy hour experiencing dial tone delay of three

seconds or less.

Measurement Method: Dial tone delay recorders are utilized to

determine the percentage of occasions on which all lines were busy (and thus dial tone

delay is experienced by customers).

Geographical Basis: Company-wide.

Final Standard: 98.5% or more. (While the telephone

companies have consistently reported scores well above the Final Standard, the Commission is concerned that widespread use of Internet services may cause congestion in the future.)

**INTERFACE 4: DIRECTORY SERVICES** 

Indicator 4.1: Directory Accuracy

<u>Definition</u>: The percentage of customer listings in the

white pages of company directories published

without errors or omissions.

Measurement Method: The number of errors discovered by the

company, or reported to the company by subscribers, is reported on a monthly basis.

Cumulative data are expressed as a

percentage of total white page listings for each

publication period.

Geographical Basis: Company-wide.

<u>Final Standard</u>: 93.8% or more.

Indicator 4.2: Access to Directory Assistance

<u>Definition</u>: The percentage of calls to Directory Assistance

that are answered in 20 seconds or less.

Measurement Method: All incoming calls to Directory Assistance are

measured to determine the percentage of calls

answered in 20 seconds or less.

Geographical Basis: Company-wide.

<u>Final Standard</u>: 80% or more.

Indicator 4.3: Directory Assistance - Accuracy

<u>Definition</u>: The percentage of directory listings provided to

customers without error.

Measurement Method: The number of customers in a monthly sample

who report an error in the provided number, as

a percentage of the sample size.

Geographical Basis: Company-wide.

<u>Final Standard</u>: 93.8% or more without error.

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**INTERFACE 5: COMPLAINTS** 

Indicator 5.1: Customer Complaints

<u>Definition</u>: The number of complaints addressed (in

written or verbal form) to Officers and Department Heads of the telephone companies and the Commission.

Measurement Method: This indicator categorizes complaints into the

seven interfaces and totals all customer

complaints. To facilitate comparison between telephone companies, complaints per 1000

NAS will be reported.

Geographical Basis: Urban and Rural.

<u>Final Standard</u>: Not applicable.

Indicator 5.2: Customer Complaints Resolved

<u>Definition</u>: The percentage of Indicator 5.1 complaints,

oral and written addressed to the telephone companies resolved within 20 working days.

Measurement Method: Complaints are tabulated as resolved either

within 20 working days or greater than 20

working days.

Geographical Basis: Company-wide.

Proposed Final Standard: 90% or more.