



Telecom Order CRTC 2006-291

Ottawa, 30 October 2006

Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership

Reference: Tariff Notices 47 and 47A

Ex parte application

1. The Commission **approves on an interim basis**, effective 1 November 2006, the *ex parte* application¹ by Bell Aliant Regional Communications, Limited Partnership dated 16 October 2006 and amended on 23 October 2006.
2. In order that the application may be available for public examination, consistent with the *CRTC Telecommunications Rules of Procedure*, the company is directed to file with the Commission at procedure@crtc.gc.ca, on or before 1 November 2006, an electronic version of the application² for the Commission web site. Among other things, Telecom Circular CRTC 2005-9 allows interveners to comment, within 25 days, on tariff applications that have been placed on the public record.

Secretary General

¹ An *ex parte* application is an application that has been filed with the Commission without notice to the public and, as such, is not placed on the public record when initially filed. An *ex parte* decision is one in which the Commission disposes of an application solely on the basis of the applicant's submissions. Subsection 61(3) of the *Telecommunications Act* allows the Commission to make an *ex parte* decision where it considers that the circumstances of the case justify it. In *Review of regulatory framework*, Telecom Decision CRTC 94-19, 16 September 1994, the Commission set out several considerations to be balanced in any determination to permit *ex parte* tariff filings, including the public interest in the effective operation of the competitive marketplace and the public interest in an open regulatory process.

² *Finalization of a streamlined process for retail tariff filings*, Telecom Circular CRTC 2005-9, 1 November 2005.

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