



Telecom Order CRTC 2006-143

Ottawa, 9 June 2006

Saskatchewan Telecommunications

Reference: Tariff Notice 107

Ex parte application

1. The Commission received an *ex parte* application¹ by Saskatchewan Telecommunications (SaskTel), dated 29 March 2006.
2. In order that the application may be available for public examination, consistent with the *CRTC Telecommunications Rules of Procedure*, SaskTel is directed to file with the Commission at procedure@crtc.gc.ca, within two business days of the date of this Order, an electronic version of the application for the Commission website. Among other things, *Finalization of a streamlined process for retail tariff filings*, Telecom Circular CRTC 2005-9, 1 November 2005 allows interveners to comment, within 25 days, on tariff applications that have been placed on the public record.
3. In light of the above, the Commission **approves on an interim basis** SaskTel's application, effective the date of this Order, with the exception of the proposed rate range, which will be addressed in *Rate ranges for services other than voice over Internet protocol services*, Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2006-8 (Public Notice 2006-8), issued today.
4. As noted in Public Notice 2006-8, final disposition of this application will occur when the Decision that results from this Public Notice is issued.

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 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.

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