



Telecom Order CRTC 2005-76

Ottawa, 23 February 2005

Société en commandite Télébec

Reference: Tariff Notice 312

Centrex service

1. The Commission received an application by Société en commandite Télébec (Télébec), dated 25 October 2004, to revise General Tariff item 2.8.4, Télébec Centrex Service, to allow customers subscribing to its three- and five-year Centrex service contracts for packages A, B, and C to extend their contracts by two years.
2. Télébec noted that its Centrex service is part of the Uncapped Services basket.
3. The Commission received no comments with respect to the application.
4. In *Follow-up to Implementation of price regulation for Télébec and TELUS Québec, Telecom Decision CRTC 2002-43 – Service basket assignment*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2003-56, 22 August 2003, as amended by Telecom Decision CRTC 2003-56-1, dated 8 April 2004 (Decision 2003-56), the Commission finalized the assignment of tariffed services to the baskets of services established in *Implementation of price regulation for Télébec and TELUS Québec*, Telecom Decision CRTC 2002-43, 31 July 2002. As part of Decision 2003-56, the Commission assigned Télébec's Centrex service to the Uncapped Services basket, which is not subject to any upward pricing constraints.
5. The Commission notes that subsection 27(2) of the *Telecommunications Act* (the Act), states that:

No Canadian carrier shall, in relation to the provision of a telecommunications service or the charging of a rate for it, unjustly discriminate or give an undue or unreasonable preference toward any person, including itself, or subject any person to an undue or unreasonable disadvantage.
6. The Commission notes that Télébec's proposal would result in certain customers being charged lower rates than other customers for the same service over the same service period. The Commission considers that Télébec's proposal would give preferential rate treatment to customers that extend existing contracts, constituting unjust discrimination, contrary to subsection 27(2) of the Act.
7. In light of the above, the Commission **denies** Télébec's application.

Secretary General

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