



July 29, 2005

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

Dear Ms. Rhéaume:

Re: Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2005-9, Bell Digital Voice Service

Pursuant to Telecom Public Notice CRTC 2005-2, paragraph 20, attached are interrogatories addressed to Bell Canada. Copies of these interrogatories are provided to parties registered in the proceeding.

Yours truly,

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**Interrogatories for Bell Canada**  
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1. Regarding the commercial launch of Bell Digital Voice Service:
  - a) What was the date that Bell Canada commercially launched Bell Digital Voice service?
  - b) Provide all press releases and customer notices issued by Bell Canada regarding the commercial launch of Bell Digital Voice.
  - c) What were the dates that Bell filed tariff applications with the Commission regarding Bell Digital Voice?
  - d) Provide copies of all correspondence, including e-mail, sent by the Commission to Bell Canada and all correspondence, including e-mail, sent by Bell Canada to the Commission regarding the commercial launch of Bell Digital Voice service prior to the filing date of Bell Canada Tariff Notice 6874.
  - e) Provide copies of all Bell Canada internal documents, correspondence and memoranda regarding Bell Canada's regulatory strategy for the commercial launch of Bell Digital Voice service, including Bell Canada's decision not to file a tariff application prior to the commercial launch.
  
2. Reference paragraph 242 of Telecom Decision CRTC 2005-28:

*A number of parties to this proceeding submitted that equal access should not be required in a VoIP environment, arguing that a dissatisfied VoIP customer could choose from another VoIP provider, or could subscribe to a circuit-switched offering, in order to obtain more satisfactory service. The Commission considers that maintaining the equal access obligation on LECs providing VoIP service is consistent with the principle of technological neutrality. In the Commission's view, it would be inappropriate to relieve LECs offering local VoIP service from providing equal access when their circuit-switched competitors are subject to the obligation. Indeed, as ILECs are migrating their circuit-switched networks to IP, to relieve them of their equal access obligation with respect to local VoIP services, would allow them ultimately to abandon the obligation entirely. The Commission considers that the possibility of a LEC conferring undue or unreasonable preference with respect to access to its networks continues to be a valid concern and further considers that consumers should continue to have options by being able to select IXCs, when selecting VoIP service from a LEC. Accordingly, the Commission determines that the existing equal access obligation will apply to LECs providing VoIP services.*

How is Bell Canada's failure to provide equal access, including toll dial around (10-10 XXX) services, compliant with Telecom Decision 2005-28?

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- a) Provide all reasons why Bell Digital Voice service is unable to support equal access, including toll dial around (10-10 XXX) services?
- b) Reference paragraph 2 of Bell Canada's tariff letter associated with Tariff Notice 6874A. What are the issues that Bell Canada believes CISC should address with respect to the Commission's requirement that VoIP services provided by Canadian carriers offer equal access?

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