



## Telecom Order CRTC 2005-40

Ottawa, 3 February 2005

### Bell Canada

Reference: Tariff Notice 854 (National Services Tariff)

#### *Ex parte* application

1. The Commission **approves on an interim basis** the *ex parte* application<sup>1</sup> by Bell Canada, dated 14 January 2005.
2. In order that the application may be available for public examination consistent with the *CRTC Telecommunications Rules of Procedure* (the Rules), the company is directed to file with the Commission, within two business days of the date of this Order, a hard copy of the application for the public examination room at the Commission's headquarters in Gatineau, Quebec, and an electronic version for the Commission's web site. Among other things, the Rules allow interveners to comment, within 30 days, on tariff applications that have been placed on the public record.

Secretary General

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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