



1 December 2023

Ms. Leila Wright
Executive Director, Telecommunications
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0N2

Subject: **Associated with Bell Canada Tariff Notice (TN) 7681 – Annual 9-1-1 Rate Recalculation for Ontario and Quebec**

Dear Ms. Wright,

1. Attached are changes to Bell Canada's General Tariff, CRTC 6716 – Item 1400, 9-1-1 Public Emergency Reporting Service and Access Services Tariff, CRTC 7516 – Item 105, Local Network Interconnection and Component Unbundling. The revisions are submitted pursuant to the directives set out in Telecom Decision CRTC 99-17, *9-1-1 Service – Rates for Wireless Service Providers, Centrex Customers and Multi-Line Customers/Manual Access to the Automatic Location Identification Database*, as amended in Telecom Order CRTC 2000-630, *Rates modified for province-wide 9-1-1 service* (Order 2000-630). In Order 2000-630, the Commission directed, among other things, that we recalculate our province-wide Enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1) rates on an annual basis. The Commission further indicated that the proposed recalculated rates are to be filed by 1 December of each year.
2. As reflected in the Attachment, we have recalculated the E9-1-1 rates in accordance with the formula provided in the Appendix to Order 2000-630. The recalculation incorporates inputs provided by Wireless Service Providers (WSPs) and Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) reflecting the new demand numbers based on September 2023 data for the indicated reporting categories. The recalculation of the E9-1-1 rates for the year 2024 results in a change to the current rates of \$0.09 per access line or Centrex working telephone number (WTN), and \$0.045 per WTN of the WSPs, downward to \$0.08 and \$0.040, respectively.
3. We request that the information contained in the Attachment be treated as confidential in accordance with section 39 of the *Telecommunications Act* and the directions provided by the Commission in the Appendix to BTIB 2010-961.¹ In particular, the information which we have provided in confidence is of a type which the Commission has indicated in those bulletins should be treated as confidential. Release of this information on the public record would provide potential

¹ Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2010-961, *Procedures for filing confidential information and requesting its disclosure in Commission proceedings*, dated 23 December 2010, as amended in BTIB 2010-961-1, dated 26 October 2012.

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competitors with invaluable competitively sensitive information that would not otherwise be available to them, and which would enable them to develop more effective business plans and marketing strategies. Release of such information could prejudice our competitive position resulting in material financial loss and cause us specific direct harm. An abridged version of the Attachment has been provided for the public record.

4. In accordance with Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2010-455-1, *Approval processes for tariff applications and intercarrier agreements*, we certify that this tariff filing is a Group A filing, as it pertains to changes to previously approved rates for existing retail tariffed services where the revised rates comply with the Commission's price regulation rules. Since the proposed rates have been calculated using the formula provided in Order 2000-630, there is no requirement to file price floor test results for the reduction in rates.

5. We plan to implement these tariff revisions effective 1 January 2024.

Yours truly,

[Original signed by P. Gauvin]

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Assistant General Counsel

Attachments

Tariff Notice 7681

In compliance with the requirements of the *Telecommunications Act* and Section 59 of the *CRTC Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Bell Canada submits the following tariff amendments:

<u>Tariff CRTC</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
6716	1 January 2024	38th Revised Page 137E-1 .
7516	1 January 2024	38th Revised Page 37.14 .