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Our reference: ATI-2009-00046 & ATI-2009-00047

Mrs. Monica Auer



Dear Mrs. Auer:

This is further to your two requests under the *Access to Information Act*, received on October 06, 2009, for the following documents:

ATI-2009-00046

Basic BDU Rates - Between 2000 and 2005 the CRTC published average basic cable rates for several classes of licensee and by province, in its Broadcast Policy Monitoring Reports, often in a section whose title referred to the affordability of basic cable service.

The CRTC has announced a public hearing in December that will deal with the affordability of rates charged by distribution undertakings, to respond to Order in Council P.C. 2009-1569 (16 September 2009).

To Permit me to respond to Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2009-614, I am writing to request the following information for the years from 1995/96 to 2008/09: (SEE COPY OF REQUEST).

Given the CRTC's November 2, 2009 deadline for interventions for the December 7, 2009 hearing and the CRTC's interest in receiving well-informed submissions, it seems reasonable to believe that the CRTC will be able to provide me with this information before the intervention deadline.

ATI-2009-00047

INFORMATION ABOUT NON-BASIC BDU RATES - The CRTC has announced a public hearing in December that will deal with the affordability of rates charged by distribution undertakings, to respond to Order in Council P.C. 2009-1569 (16 September 2009).

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A thorough search of our files has revealed that we only have cable rates covering the years 1996 to 2005, since the CRTC was no longer collecting this type of data in the annual return process after 2005. Moreover, the information in question does not break out the basic and non-basic cable rates. Finally, the information was published on the CRTC web site in the Broadcast Distribution Financial Summaries available at the following link:

<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/stats1.htm>

Yours sincerely,



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