

INFORMATION REQUESTED BY
CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
(CRTC)

Q. Refer to MTS Allstream comments regarding Telecom Notice of Consultation 2013-80 dated 25 March 2013. In paragraph 8 it was submitted that MTS Allstream's current tariff simply requires independent service providers to use VDSL2 G.993.2 high-speed modems that are compatible with MTS Allstream DSLAM equipment.

- a. Identify the make(s) and model(s) of the VDSL modem(s) MTS Allstream provides its wholesale and retail customers and complete the following table in regards to this modem(s):**

Current supplier price in Canadian dollars	CDN/US exchange rate if applicable	Supplier discount %	Sales Tax %	Warehouse & Distribution Factor %	Cost including tax and Warehousing and Distribution
A		B	C	D	$E = A*(1-B)*(1+C)*(1+D)$

- b. Are any independent service providers currently offering self-supplied VDSL modems to their end users that are compatible with MTS Allstream's network?**
- c. To date, has MTS Allstream encountered any compatibility issues between off-the-shelf VDSL modems and DSLAMs in their network? If yes, elaborate.**

A. Pursuant to section 39 of the *Telecommunications Act*, MTS Allstream is filing certain information in confidence with the Commission. The information provided in confidence pertains to MTS Allstream's supplier costs. Release of such information would provide existing and potential competitors with valuable insights regarding MTS Allstream's cost structure and would enable them to develop more effective business plans, resulting in specific, direct harm to MTS Allstream.

- a.** As specified in MTS Allstream's Special Services and Facilities Tariff (SST), CRTC 24002, Item 5830, VDSL Data Access Service (VDAS), at sections 1L, 4I and 4P, independent high-speed internet service providers (ISPs) using MTS Allstream's VDAS wholesale HSI service are required to supply VDSL2

modems and CPE equipment to their end users that are compatible with the MTS Allstream network. MTS Allstream does not supply modems for either of its wholesale high-speed internet (HSI) services – VDAS or its legacy ADSL Data Access Service (ADAS).¹

On its standalone retail VDSL2 internet services, MTS Allstream currently provides the following modem:

Retail Stand Alone VDSL2 Make and Model	Current supplier price in Canadian dollars	CDN/US exchange rate if applicable	Supplier discount %	Sales Tax %	Warehouse & Distribution Factor %	Cost including tax and Warehousing and Distribution
	A		B	C	D	$E = A*(1-B)*(1+C)*(1+D)$
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- b. Yes, there are currently independent ISPs offering self-supplied modems to their end users over both MTS Allstream's VDAS and legacy ADAS services.
- c. No, MTS Allstream has not encountered any compatibility issues between the self-supplied modems and the DSLAMs in MTS Allstream's VDSL2 or legacy networks.

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¹ SST Item 5820.