



Ottawa, Thursday, September 24, 1998

File No.: PR-97-054

IN THE MATTER OF a complaint filed by Bell Canada under subsection 30.11(1) of the *Canadian International Trade Tribunal Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. 47 (4th Supp.), as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF a decision to conduct an inquiry into the complaint under subsection 30.13(1) of the *Canadian International Trade Tribunal Act*.

ORDER

In a determination made on July 13, 1998, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (the Tribunal) awarded Bell Canada (Bell), pursuant to subsection 30.16(1) of the *Canadian International Trade Tribunal Act*, its reasonable costs incurred in relation to filing and proceeding with its complaint.

Bell submitted to the Tribunal, on August 12, 1998, its claim for complaint costs in the amount of \$18,602.70. On September 8, 1998, the Department of Public Works and Government Services (the Department) wrote to the Tribunal saying that it had no comments with respect to Bell's claim and agreed to pay the sum of \$18,602.70.

Bell claimed an amount of \$17,776.98 or 137.8 hours, charged at rates ranging from \$30 to \$150, as legal fees (including GST) and an amount of \$825.72 as disbursements. In considering Bell's claim, the Tribunal had regard to the *Procurement Cost Guidelines* and considered, among other factors, the complexity of the complaint and the degree of experience and skill of counsel. The Tribunal is of the view that the hourly fees and hours charged, as well as the disbursements claimed, are reasonable and that Bell should be awarded the amounts claimed.

The Tribunal hereby awards Bell costs in the amount of \$18,602.70 in relation to proceeding with its complaint and directs the Department to take appropriate action to ensure prompt payment.

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Presiding Member

Michel P. Granger

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Secretary