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To: Telco Locals and National Representatives Servicing Telco Locals
From: Barb Dolan, Administrative Vice President
Re: Bell Technical Solutions Federal Jurisdiction

In August 2008 the CEP filed an Application with the CIRB concerning the jurisdiction of BTS. The specific Application was made under Section 44 of the *Code* which concerns sales from "Provincial" businesses to "Federal" businesses.

Both BTS and Bell Canada filed responses with the CIRB. Both indicated that BTS was provincially regulated.

The CEP accepted the earliest available scheduled hearing dates for this to commence which were in September of 2009. At the most recent date, on October 26, 2009, Bell and BTS signed an Agreement recognizing that they were subject to Federal jurisdiction.

The Agreement that Bell and BTS signed was submitted to the Canada Industrial Relations Board for review.

It is expected that a decision will be issued very shortly confirming that BTS is subject to Federal regulation and therefore the *Canada Labour Code*, as is Bell Canada.

Copies of the actual decision of the Board will be posted on the CEP website as soon as they are issued.

In solidarity,

Barb Dolan,
Administrative Vice President
CEP Ontario Region.

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