

## **NOTICE OF NATIONAL SETTLEMENT OF BELL CANADA/BELL EXPRESSVU LIMITED PARTNERSHIP/BELL MOBILITY INC. CLASS ACTIONS**

Read this notice carefully. It may affect your legal rights.

### **THIS NOTICE IS DIRECTED TO:**

If you were, or if you became, a Bell customer between December 2007 and June 2011, and you subscribed to home telephone, Internet, television and/or wireless services your rights may be affected by a national class actions settlement and by this notice.

### **WHAT ARE THESE CLASS ACTIONS ABOUT?**

On June 29, 2011, a proposed class action was commenced in Quebec against Bell Canada, Bell Mobility Inc. and Bell ExpressVu Limited Partnership ("Bell").

On September 22, 2011, a similar action was commenced in Ontario against Bell on behalf of all persons in Canada (excluding Québec) (the "Ontario Action"). The action filed in Québec was expanded to be a national class action for all of Canada.

On June 9, 2014, the Superior Court of the judicial district of Montreal authorized a class action against Bell Canada and Bell ExpressVu which seeks compensation for customers in Canada who subscribed to home telephone, Internet and/or television services (the "Services") in any one of the following situations:

- Any physical person in Canada having subscribed to any one of the Services following a door-to-door visit between December 1, 2007, and June 29, 2011, inclusively and who was charged fees higher than those which had been indicated;
- Any physical person in Canada having subscribed to any one of the Services on the basis of an advertisement between December 1, 2007, and June 29, 2011, inclusively and who was charged mandatory additional fees such as those relating to Touch-Tone, Internet modem rental, MSN Premium Service, network access, digital service, HD services, rental for Fibe TV PVR and/or long-distance network connection.

Consequently, the Ontario Action was stayed.

Although Bell denies all allegations, the parties and their counsel reached an agreement in principle, without admission of any kind, to resolve the claims on a national basis.

### **TERMS OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION**

Without admission of any kind, Bell will pay \$2,970,000 to fully and definitively settle these class actions for the purpose of avoiding further costs and putting a definitive end to these litigations and to all related claims.

This amount will be divided equally amongst the class members who subscribed to Bell's Services between December 1, 2007 and June 29, 2011, and were customers of Bell from that time to the distribution date ("Credit-Eligible Class Members"). Credit-Eligible Class members will receive a one-time price reduction on their monthly invoice in the

form of a credit to the Bell account, subject to Court approval. The credit applied to each eligible account will be the same regardless of the number of services subscribed to or the number of subscribers on the account.

In addition to the payments to Credit-Eligible Class members, Bell will pay an additional \$550,000 to four Charity Organizations less any amount payable to the Fonds d'aide aux actions collectives: Maison le Paravent, Fondation Refuge des Jeunes de Montréal, Women's Hostels Incorporated, Operating As: Nellie's Women's Shelter and Eva's Initiatives for Homeless Youth, all of which serve unhoused people. With respect to the legal fees of this class action, Bell will pay an additional \$880,000 for lawyers' fees plus applicable taxes as well as an additional \$150,000 for disbursements plus applicable taxes.

As part of the settlement, counsel for the Ontario Action have agreed to discontinue the Ontario Action.

The Settlement Agreement may be viewed at <https://www.siskinds.com/class-action/bell-canada/>

## **SETTLEMENT APPROVAL HEARING AND OBJECTION**

The Superior Court of Québec will hold an approval hearing to consider the settlement and legal fees at the Montreal Courthouse located at 1, Notre-Dame Street East, Montreal (Quebec), H2Y 1B6, on October 24, 2024.

If you wish to object to the approval, you may do so by submitting your objection form, available at <https://www.siskinds.com/class-action/bell-canada/>, to the addresses provided below no later than October 11, 2024, 5pm EST.

**If you have any questions, please contact class counsel at:**

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