

Bell Aliant and CEP Atlantic Communications Council Reach Collective Agreement

HALIFAX, July 26 2007 -- **Bell Aliant-Atlantic** and the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada Atlantic Communications Council (CEP-ACC) announced today that **Unionized Employees in Atlantic Canada** have voted to **accept a new four-year Collective Agreement.**

The new Agreement extends the current Contract from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2011, and includes wage increases of 2.0 %, 2.0 %, 1.75 %, and 1.75 % over the four-year life of the Agreement.

"We believe this Agreement balances the needs of our Employees, our Company and our Customers in today's highly competitive environment and we are extremely pleased that the proposed Agreement has now been accepted by our Employees," said Frank Fagan, Chief Operating Officer of **Bell Aliant-Atlantic.**

"This gives our Members four years of stability, without making concessions, in what promises to be a tumultuous period in the Telecommunications Industry in Canada," said Penny Fawcett, Chairperson of CEP-ACC.

Bell Aliant-Atlantic and the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada Atlantic Communications Council (CEP-ACC) announced the Tentative Agreement on June 26, 2007 and Union Leaders began presenting the proposal to their Membership on July 10, 2007, with a recommendation of Acceptance.