

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CO OF CHILE
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

May 10, 2004

Commission File Number: 001-10579

COMPANIA DE TELECOMUNICACIONES DE CHILE S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF CHILE

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Avenida Providencia No. 111, Piso 22

Providencia, Santiago, Chile

(Address of principal executive offices)

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News Release

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SUBTEL RELEASES TARIFF DECREE No. 169 THAT REGULATES FIXED TELEPHONY TARIFFS FOR TELEFONICA CTC CHILE

Santiago, Chile

- **May 5, 2004** - On May 4, 2004, Compañía de Telecomunicaciones de Chile S.A. (NYSE: CTC) ("Telefónica CTC Chile" or the "Company") was informed of the new Tariff Decree No. 169, released by the Undersecretary of Telecommunications (SUBTEL) and sent to the Chilean Controller for acknowledgement. Once it is published in the Official Gazette, this Decree will regulate the Company's public local telephone service tariffs for the period between May 6, 2004 and May 6, 2009.

The comparison between average tariffs established in the Tariff Decree No. 187 and those included in the new Tariff Decree No. 169, is as follows:

In Ch\$ as of Dec. 2002 (excluding VAT)

Average* Tariffs Average* Tariffs

T. Decree No. 187 T. Decree No. 169 % Var.

- Fixed Charge N,348N,808 +7.2%
- Measured Local Service (MLS)I3.61I0.94 -19.7%
- Local Tranche (Mobile and Rural) N.03 8.82 +46.4%
- Complementary Services (Internet) /10X numbersL.17M.27 +26.3%
- Prepaid -I48.8 -
- Access Charge 3.16L.50 +42.3%

* Weighted according to 2003 real traffic in their different time slots

The Tariff Decree No. 169 apart from establishing the new tariffs, also considers 7 tariff areas, 3 time slots and a new prepaid tariff.

The Company estimates that if the new local telephone tariffs defined by Tariff Decree No. 169 were applied and assuming the consequential redistribution of traffic toward lower tariff levels, regulated local telephony revenues would decrease between 3% to 5% over a twelve month period.

Compañía de Telecomunicaciones de Chile S.A., the first South American company to list shares on the New York

Stock Exchange, is the largest telecommunications enterprise in Chile, providing local service, as well as domestic and international long distance services throughout the country. Additionally, the Company provides equipment marketing, data transmission, value-added services and information systems services and operates a nationwide cellular network.

This news release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1996, including but not limited to Compañía de Telecomunicaciones de Chile S.A.'s expectations for its performance for the year 2002. Forward looking statements may also be identified by words such as "believes", "expects", "anticipates", "projects", "intends", "should", "seeks", "estimates", "future", or similar expressions. The forward looking statements included in this news release are based on current expectations, but actual results may differ materially from anticipated future results due to various factors many of which are beyond the control of Compañía de Telecomunicaciones de Chile S.A. and its subsidiaries. Certain factors which could cause the actual results of Compañía de Telecomunicaciones de Chile S.A. and its subsidiaries to differ materially from the expected results include, among others, changes in Chile's regulatory framework, impact of increased competition and other factors beyond Compañía de Telecomunicaciones de Chile S.A.'s control.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 10, 2004

COMPAÑÍA DE TELECOMUNICACIONES DE CHILE S.A.

By: /s/ Julio Covarrubias F.

Name: Julio Covarrubias F.

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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