

OFFICIAL COURT NOTICE OF A CLASS ACTION
AUTHORIZED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT

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You are subscribed or have been subscribed to a “Bell TV” package or to a package from a redistributor of the “Bell TV” signal giving access to the TVA SPORTS and/or TVA SPORTS 2 and/or TVA SPORTS 3 channels in April 2019?

You may be a part of a class action lawsuit.

On January 13th, 2021, Judge Sylvain Lussier, j.c.s., authorized the filing of a class action against Groupe TVA inc., Quebecor Média inc. and Quebecor inc. (hereinafter, the “Defendants”) and appointed Ms. Catherine Valiquette as representative of the class. The action will be heard in the judicial district of Montreal.

Ms. Valiquette seeks to obtain for herself and all the class members described below the sum of \$ 250.00 as compensatory damages.

The judgment authorizing the class action lawsuit could have an impact on your rights, whether you act or not. Please read this notice carefully.

YOUR RIGHTS REGARDING THIS CLASS ACTION	
EXCLUDE YOURSELF	<p>If you want to exclude yourself, you will not receive a compensation if a settlement is reached between the parties or if the court renders a judgment in favor of Ms. Catherine Valiquette.</p> <p>This option allows you to sue the Defendants personally.</p>
DO NOTHING	<p>If you are a member of the class and you agree with the object of the class action against the Defendants, you do not have to do anything to participate in this class action.</p>

Those rights – and the deadline to exercise them – are explained in this notice.

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WHY WAS THIS NOTICE ISSUED?

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This notice explains how a class action works, who is a member of the class, and what are your rights.

WHAT IS THIS LAWSUIT ABOUT?

Ms. Valiquette alleges that by depriving “Bell Télé” subscribers and subscribers of redistributors of the “Bell Télé” signal of their access to the TVA SPORTS and/or TVA SPORTS 2 and/or TVA SPORTS 3 channels (hereinafter, the “Channels”) between April 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m. and April 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m., the Defendants failed in their duty to act as a prudent and diligent corporation, refusing to respect the rules of conduct of the industry, the uses, and the dispositions of the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations of the CRTC* thus committing an extracontractual fault with regards to the members of the class described below, which is contested by the Defendants.

This class action’s aim is to obtain a judgment ordering the Defendants to pay each member the sum of \$ 250.00 as damages to compensate for the prejudice suffered by the members of the class.

WHY IS THIS LAWSUIT A CLASS ACTION?

The class action was introduced by Ms. Catherine Valiquette, in the name of all class members described below who suffered the same prejudice, with the goal of obtaining reparation for the class on an individual basis for said prejudice. In a class action, a person called the “Representative of the group” sues on behalf of people, called a “Class” who suffered the same prejudice. Ms. Catherine Valiquette therefore represents all members of the class in Quebec.

A class action allows the courts to settle the case for all class members, except for those who wish to exclude themselves from the proceedings.

HOW CAN I KNOW IF I AM A MEMBER OF THE CLASS?

This action has been authorized on behalf of persons belonging to the following group:

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“All physical persons and corporations, domiciled or having been domiciled in Quebec, who are subscribed or have been subscribed to a “Bell TV” package or to a package from a redistributor of the “Bell TV” signal giving access to the channels TVA SPORTS and/or TVA SPORTS 2 and/or TVA SPORTS 3 and which were deprived of access to said channels between Wednesday April 10, 2019, 7 p.m., and Friday April 12, 2019, 6 p.m.”.

You are a class member if the following conditions apply to you :

- You are a business or an individual;
- You reside or resided in Québec;
- You are subscribed or have been subscribed to a “Bell TV” package or to a package from a redistributor of the “Bell TV” signal giving access to the channels TVA SPORTS and/or TVA SPORTS 2 and/or TVA SPORTS 3;
- You were deprived of access to said channels between Wednesday April 10, 2019, 7 p.m., and Friday April 12, 2019, 6 p.m.

I'M STILL NOT SURE IF I'M INCLUDED

If you are still unsure whether or not you are included in the class or for any other question, you can call (514) 548-3023 or consult the website www.calexboutique.com.

YOUR RIGHTS REGARDING THIS CLASS ACTION

You are automatically included in the class action if you are a member of the group described above. You therefore have nothing to do for the moment if you wish to be represented by Ms. Valiquette and her lawyers in this class action.

Thus, if you are a part of this class action, you have two choices:

First choice: do nothing

If you chose to do nothing:

1. You renounce your right to sue the Defendants personally;
2. You are bound by the judgments or settlements to be rendered in the context of the class action;
3. You will receive a compensation if the court grants the class action or if a settlement is reached with the Defendants.

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Second choice: exclude yourself

If you chose to exclude yourself:

1. You keep your right to sue the Defendants personally;
2. You will not be bound by the judgments or settlements to be rendered in the context of the class action;
4. You will not receive a compensation if the court grants the class action or if a settlement is reached with the Defendants.

If you do not want to be represented by Ms. Valiquette, you can exclude yourself from this class action by sending a **notice to the Superior Court clerk of the district of Montreal** by registered or certified mail within 40 days of the publication of this notice, no later than July 30th 2021.

The signed notice must contain the following information:

- The file number of the class action: 500-06-000995-197;
- Your name and last name as well as your address and phone number;
- A declaration to the effect that you wish to exclude yourself from the class action.

The notice must be sent to the following address, with a copy to CaLex Légal Inc., lawyers of Ms. Valiquette:

Clerk of the Superior Court of Quebec

File : 500-06-000995-197

Montreal Courthouse

1, rue Notre Dame Est, Office 1.120

Montreal (Quebec) H2Y1B6

CaLex Légal Inc.

4214 Saint-Jacques Street

Montreal (Quebec) H4C 1J4

E-mail: aec@calex.legal

WARNING: Please note that any class member who has already filed an individual suit against the Defendants on the same basis is deemed excluded from the group unless he or she withdraws his/her individual suit within 40 days of the publication of this notice, no later than July 30th 2021..

CAN I INTERVENE IN THE PROCEDURE OF THIS CLASS ACTION?

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Yes. If you are a member of the class and you make a request, the Court could let you intervene in the procedure if it determines that your intervention would be useful to the class. If you intervene, however, you could be interrogated at the request of the Defendants and be liable for judicial fees. If you do not intervene, you cannot be held liable for any judicial fees regarding this class action.

INFORMATION

You can obtain more information on the class action and consult the proceedings summarized in this notice by consulting the *Registre des actions collectives de la Cour supérieure du Québec*, which you will find online at the following link:

<https://www.registredesactionscollectives.quebec/fr/Consulter/ApercuDemande?NoDossier=500-06-000995-197>

The reference of the file is the following:

Catherine Valiquette c. Groupe TVA inc., Québecor inc. et Québecor Média inc., No 500-06-000995-197, Superior Court of Quebec, district of Montreal.

Although enrollment in the class is not necessary at this stage of the class action, you can still enroll right now by filling out the form at the following address: <https://www.calexboutique.com/action-collectives>.

For any question you can communicate with the lawyers of the class:

CaLex Légal Inc.
4214 Saint-Jacques Street
Montreal (Quebec) H4C 1J4
Phone : (514) 548 3023, poste 2
Fax : (514) 846 8844
E-mail: aec@calex.legal
Website: www.calexboutique.com/actions-collectives

THE NEXT STEPS

The authorization judgment is a purely procedural and preliminary step which allows the class action to begin. This judgment does not in any way determine the responsibility of the Defendants, who may assert their defenses at trial. It is following this trial, which will take place in the district of Montreal, that the Superior Court will decide whether the Defendants should be ordered to compensate the class members and, if so, what amount

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will be paid by the Defendants. The Court will then determine what amount must be deducted to pay the fees of Ms. Valiquette's lawyers (described below).

To do so, the Superior Court will answer the following questions:

- a) By depriving subscribers of “Bell TV” and subscribers of redistributors of the “Bell TV” signal of their access to the Channels between April 10, 2019, 7 p.m. and April 12, 2019, 6 p.m., did the Defendants fail to their duty to act as a prudent and diligent legal person, refusing to respect the rules of conduct of the industry, the customs, and the provisions of the Broadcasting Distribution Regulations of the CRTC thus committing an extracontractual fault with regard to the plaintiff and Members within the meaning of article 1457 of the Civil Code of Quebec?
- b) If so, have the plaintiff and the Members suffered prejudice as a result of the fault of the Defendants?
- c) Is the fault of the Defendants towards the plaintiff and the Members joint and several?
- d) Can the damages suffered by the plaintiff and the Members be directly attributed to the fault committed by the Defendants?
- e) What is the amount to be paid by the Defendants to each of the Members as compensatory damages to repair the prejudice suffered?

WHAT IS THE CLASS ACTION SEEKING?

GRANT the plaintiff's originating application;

CONDEMN the defendants, jointly and severally, to pay the plaintiff the sum of \$ 250.00 as compensatory damages, with interest at the legal rate plus the additional compensation provided for in article 1619 of the Civil Code of Quebec, calculated from the date of service of this request;

CONDEMN the defendants, jointly and severally, to pay each of the Members the sum of \$ 250.00 as compensatory damages, with interest at the legal rate increased by the additional compensation provided for in article 1619 of the Civil Code of Quebec, calculated from the date of service of this request;

CONDEMN the defendants to any other appropriate remedy deemed just and reasonable;

ALL WITH COSTS, INCLUDING FEES FOR EXHIBITS, EXPERTS, EXPERTS' OPINIONS AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICES.

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ARE THERE ANY FEES FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS ACTION?

No. The class' lawyers will be paid directly from the sums recovered in the class action, if any. The Court will decide of the reasonability of the lawyers' fees which cannot exceed 30% of the total sums recovered either by judgment or by settlement. If you do not intervene, you cannot be held liable to pay any judicial fee associated with the class action.

The publication of this notice has been approved by the Superior Court of Quebec.