No securities regulatory authority has expressed an opinion about these securities and it is an offense to claim otherwise.

This pricing supplement, together with the prospectus to which it relates, as amended or supplemented, and each document deemed to be incorporated by reference into the prospectus, as amended or supplemented, constitutes a public offering of these securities only in those jurisdictions where they may be lawfully offered for sale and therein only by persons permitted to sell such securities.

The securities to be issued hereunder have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to or for the account or benefit of U.S. persons.

PRICING SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 (TO SHORT FORM BASE SHELF PROSPECTUS AND PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT, DATED MAY 29, 2019 AND JUNE 6, 2019, RESPECTIVELY)



# **Bell Canada**

# \$550,000,000 MTN Debentures, Series M-50, Due 2029

(UNSECURED)

Unconditionally guaranteed as to payment of principal, interest and other payment obligations by BCE Inc.

AGENTS

<b>BMO Nesbitt</b>
Burns Inc.
(Joint Bookrunner
and Co-Lead)

Desjardins
Securities Inc.
(Joint Bookrunner
and Co-Lead)

National Bank Financial Inc. (Joint Bookrunner and Co-Lead)

TD Securities Inc. (Joint Bookrunner and Co-Lead)

CIBC World Markets Inc. Merrill Lynch Canada Inc.

**RBC Dominion Securities Inc.** 

Scotia Capital Inc.

Barclays Capital Canada Inc.

Citigroup Global Markets Canada Inc. Casgrain & Company Limited

# <u>DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURITIES — SERIES M-50 DEBENTURES</u>

**Designation:** 2.90% Debentures,

Series M-50, Due 2029

\$550,000,000

September 10, 2019

September 10, 2029

\$99.871 per \$100 principal amount

\$0.40 per \$100 principal amount

See "Repurchase Upon Change of

Repurchase Upon Change of Control Triggering Event:

**Redemption:** 

Control Triggering Event"

See "Redemption"

**Interest Rate:** 2.90% per annum

Yield to Maturity: 2.915%

Interest Payment Dates: March 10 and September 10

Initial Interest Payment Date: March 10, 2020

Form of Issuance: Global debenture, in book-entry

only form, registered in the name of CDS & Co.

Net Proceeds to Bell Canada:

**Principal Amount:** 

Date of Issue:

**Maturity Date:** 

Price to the Public:

**Agents' Commission:** 

\$547,090,500

Credit Ratings: DBRS: BBB (high) (Stable)

Moody's: Baal (Stable) S&P: BBB+ (Stable)

See "Credit Ratings" in the related Prospectus

Supplement

ISIN Number:

CA 07813ZCC64

#### REDEMPTION

Bell Canada shall be entitled, at its option, to redeem the 2.90% Debentures, Series M-50, due 2029 ("Series M-50 Debentures") in whole at any time or in part from time to time prior to June 10, 2029, by giving prior notice of not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days to the holders thereof, at the greater of the "Canada Yield Price" (as defined in this paragraph) and par (100% of the outstanding principal amount thereof), together in each case with accrued and unpaid interest up to but excluding the date fixed for redemption. Bell Canada shall be entitled, at its option, to redeem the Series M-50 Debentures in whole at any time or in part from time to time on or after June 10, 2029, by giving prior notice of not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days to the holders thereof, at par (100% of the outstanding principal amount thereof) together with accrued and unpaid interest up to but excluding the date fixed for redemption. "Canada Yield Price" shall mean a price equal to the price of the Series M-50 Debentures calculated on the banking day preceding the day on which the redemption is authorized by Bell Canada to provide a yield from the date fixed for redemption to June 10, 2029 equal to the "Government of Canada Yield" (as defined in the next sentence) plus 0.41%. "Government of Canada Yield" shall mean the yield from the date fixed for redemption to June 10, 2029, assuming semi-annual compounding, which an issue of non-callable Government of Canada bonds would carry on the remaining term to June 10, 2029. The "Government of Canada Yield" in the case of redemption of the Series M-50 Debentures shall be the average of the yields provided by two registered Canadian investment dealers selected by CIBC Mellon Trust Company, as trustee (the "Trustee") and approved by Bell Canada. In case of partial redemption, the Series M-50 Debentures shall be redeemed on a pro rata basis.

#### REPURCHASE UPON CHANGE OF CONTROL TRIGGERING EVENT

If a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined below) occurs with respect to the Series M-50 Debentures, unless Bell Canada has exercised its optional right to redeem all of the Series M-50 Debentures as described under "Redemption" above, Bell Canada will be required to make an offer to each holder of the Series M-50 Debentures to repurchase all or, at the option of the holder thereof, any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple thereof) of the Series M-50 Debentures pursuant to the offer described below (the "Change of Control Offer"). The determination as to whether a Change of Control Triggering Event occurred and whether a Change of Control Offer shall be made will be effected on a per series basis. In the Change of Control Offer, Bell Canada will be required to offer payment in cash equal to 101% of the outstanding principal amount of the Series M-50 Debentures together with accrued and unpaid interest on the Series M-50 Debentures repurchased up to but excluding the date of purchase (the "Change of Control Payment").

Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event, Bell Canada will be required to give written notice to each holder of Series M-50 Debentures with a copy to the Trustee, describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to repurchase the Series M-50 Debentures on the date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is given (the "Change of Control Payment Date"), pursuant to the procedure described herein and in such notice. Bell Canada must comply with the requirements of applicable securities laws and regulations in connection with the repurchase of the Series M-50 Debentures as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any such applicable securities laws and regulations conflict with the Change of Control (as defined below) provisions, Bell Canada will be required to comply with such laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligation to offer to repurchase the Series M-50 Debentures by virtue of such conflict.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, Bell Canada will, to the extent lawful:

- 1. accept for payment all Series M-50 Debentures or portions of Series M-50 Debentures, as applicable, properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- 2. deposit with the Trustee an amount of money equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all Series M-50 Debentures or portions of Series M-50 Debentures, as applicable, properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer; and
- 3. deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Series M-50 Debentures, properly accepted, together with a certificate of Bell Canada stating the aggregate principal amount of the Series M-50 Debentures or portions of Series M-50 Debentures, as applicable, being purchased by Bell Canada.

The Trustee will promptly pay to each holder of properly tendered Series M-50 Debentures an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of such Series M-50 Debentures either, at the Trustee's option, by mailing (first class mail, postage prepaid) a cheque to such holder or by means of a wire transfer in accordance with the applicable payment procedures of CDS, and the Trustee

will promptly certify and mail (first class mail, postage prepaid) (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) to each such holder a new Series M-50 Debenture equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of any Series M-50 Debentures surrendered; provided that each new Series M-50 Debenture will be in a principal amount of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

Bell Canada will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control Triggering Event if a third party makes such an offer substantially in the manner, at the times and in compliance with the requirements for a Change of Control Offer (and for at least the same purchase price payable in cash) and such third party purchases all Series M-50 Debentures properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any one of the following: (i) the consummation of the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance, lease or other disposition (other than by way of consolidation, amalgamation or merger), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the property and assets of Bell Canada and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any person or group of persons acting jointly or in concert for purposes of such transaction other than (a) sales, transfers, conveyances, leases or other dispositions to Bell Canada and/or its subsidiaries, or (b) provided that the relevant series of debentures shall remain subject to the Guarantee, or any other guarantee by BCE Inc. ("BCE") of the full and timely payment when due of all of Bell Canada's payment obligations to the Trustee and the holders thereof with respect to that series of debentures, sales, transfers, conveyances, leases or other dispositions to BCE and/or its subsidiaries (excluding Bell Canada and its subsidiaries); or (ii) the consummation of any transaction including, without limitation, any consolidation, amalgamation, merger or issue of voting shares the result of which is that any person or group of persons acting jointly or in concert for purposes of such transaction (other than BCE, Bell Canada and/or their subsidiaries) becomes the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of voting shares of BCE or Bell Canada having more than 50% of the voting power for the election of directors of BCE or Bell Canada (but shall not include the creation of a holding company, the combination of Bell Canada with BCE or any of their subsidiaries by any method whatsoever or any other similar transaction that does not involve a change in the beneficial ownership of BCE, Bell Canada or any successor thereof).

"Change of Control Triggering Event" means the occurrence of both a Change of Control with respect to the Series M-50 Debentures and a Rating Event with respect to the Series M-50 Debentures.

"Investment Grade Rating" means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), BBB- (or the equivalent) by Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a subsidiary of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ("S&P") or BBB (low) (or the equivalent) by DBRS Limited ("DBRS"), or the equivalent investment grade credit rating from any other Specified Rating Agency.

"Rating Event" means, with respect to the relevant series of debentures, the rating of such series of debentures is lowered to below an Investment Grade Rating by at least two out of three of the Specified Rating Agencies if there are three Specified Rating Agencies or all of the Specified Rating Agencies if there are less than three Specified Rating Agencies (the "Required Threshold") on any day within the 60-day period (which 60-day period will be extended so long as the rating of the relevant series of debentures is under publicly announced consideration for a possible downgrade by such number of the Specified Rating Agencies which, together with Specified Rating Agencies which have already lowered their ratings on the relevant series of debentures as aforesaid, would aggregate in number the Required Threshold, but only to the extent that, and for so long as, a Change of Control Triggering Event would result if such downgrade were to occur) after the earlier of (a) the occurrence of a Change of Control and (b) public notice of the occurrence of a Change of Control or of BCE's or Bell Canada's intention or agreement to effect a Change of Control.

"Specified Rating Agencies" means each of Moody's, S&P and DBRS as long as, in each case, it has not ceased to rate the relevant series of debentures, as the case may be, or failed to make a rating of the relevant series of debentures publicly available for reasons outside of Bell Canada's control; provided that if one or more of Moody's, S&P or DBRS ceases to rate the relevant series of debentures, or fails to make a rating of the relevant series of debentures publicly available for reasons outside of Bell Canada's control, Bell Canada may select any other "designated rating organization" within the meaning of National Instrument 41-101 of the Canadian Securities Administrators as a replacement agency for such one or more of them, as the case may be.

# RECENT DEVELOPMENT

#### Wholesale Fibre-to-the-Node High-Speed Access Service Rates

As part of its ongoing review of wholesale Internet rates, on October 6, 2016, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) significantly reduced, on an interim basis, some of the wholesale rates that Bell Canada and other major providers charge for access by third-party Internet resellers to fibre-to-the-node or cable networks, as applicable. On August 15, 2019, the CRTC further reduced the wholesale rates that Internet resellers pay to access network infrastructure built by facilities-based providers like Bell Canada, with retroactive effect back to March 2016.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Bell Canada intends to use the net proceeds of this offering to repay short-term debt.

# **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

The following documents, which are not specifically listed in the Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus of Bell Canada dated May 29, 2019 (the "Prospectus"), and which have been filed by Bell Canada or BCE, as the case may be, with the provincial securities regulatory authorities in Canada, are specifically incorporated by reference in and form an integral part of the Prospectus:

- (a) Bell Canada's unaudited Selected Summary Financial Information for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2019 and 2018, filed on SEDAR under the document type "Other" on August 1, 2019;
- (b) BCE's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2019 and 2018;
- (c) BCE's Management's Discussion and Analysis for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2019 and 2018;
- (d) The template indicative term sheet (the "Indicative Term Sheet") prepared for potential investors in connection with the offering of Series M-50 Debentures; and
- (e) The Final Term Sheet (as defined below).

The Indicative Term Sheet is not a part of this pricing supplement to the extent that the contents of the Indicative Term Sheet have been modified or superseded by a statement contained in this pricing supplement. Any statement contained in the Indicative Term Sheet is modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained in the Final Term Sheet (as defined below) modifies or supersedes that statement.

The Indicative Term Sheet did not include a number of terms of this offering. The terms of this offering have been confirmed to reflect an aggregate principal amount of \$550,000,000, an interest rate of 2.90% per annum, a yield to maturity of 2.915%, an issue price of \$99.871 per \$100 principal amount, and the definition of "Canada Yield Price", all as reflected in this pricing supplement. Pursuant to subsection 9A.3(7) of National Instrument 44-102 — Shelf Distributions, Bell Canada has prepared a final term sheet for this offering (the "Final Term Sheet") to reflect the modifications discussed above, a blackline of which has been prepared. A copy of the Final Term Sheet and associated blackline can be viewed under Bell Canada's profile on <a href="www.sedar.com">www.sedar.com</a>.

# **Notice to Investors**

The Series M-50 Debentures have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act"), or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to or for the account or benefit of U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act). This pricing supplement does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any Series M-50 Debentures in the United States. In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering, an offer or sale of the Series M-50 Debentures within the United States or to or for the account or benefit of U.S. persons by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act.