Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2005-126

Ottawa, 16 December 2005

Call for comments on the proposed addition of Canal 52 MX, Supercanal Caribe, TELEFE Internacional and TVColombia to the lists of eligible satellite services for distribution on a digital basis

1. The Commission has received a request dated 22 August 2005 from Vidéotron Itée (Vidéotron) for the addition of four non-Canadian general interest Spanish-language services to the lists of eligible satellite services for distribution on a digital basis (the digital lists). Vidéotron submitted descriptions of these services as provided by the service providers themselves. These descriptions are set out below:

Canal 52 MX is a 24-hour, general interest, Spanish-language television service. The service originates from Mexico. Its programming includes news, informal education, recreation and leisure, sports, drama, music video and general entertainment.

Supercanal Caribe is a 24-hour, general interest, Spanish-language television service. The service originates from the Dominican Republic, offering an average of 10 hours daily of live original programming in Spanish. Its programming includes news, religious, music, sports, sitcoms, talk shows, variety, comedy and general entertainment.

TELEFE Internacional is a 24-hour, general interest, Spanish-language television service. The service originates from Argentina. Its programming includes news and documentaries, sports, drama, sitcoms, music videos, music and dance, game shows and general entertainment.

TVColombia is a 24-hour, general interest, Spanish-language television service. The service originates from Colombia. Its programming includes news and documentaries, informal education, recreation and leisure, sports, drama, music and dance and general entertainment.

2. In Improving the diversity of third-language television services – A revised approach to assessing requests to add non-Canadian third-language television services to the lists of eligible satellite services for distribution on a digital basis, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2004-96, 16 December 2004 (Public Notice 2004-96), the Commission set out its revised approach to the assessment of requests to add non-Canadian third-language television services to the digital lists, as well as specific information that Canadian sponsors must file in support of their requests. The Commission will assess Vidéotron's request in light of the approach set out in Public Notice 2004-96.



Call for comments

3. The Commission calls for comments on Vidéotron's request for the addition of the four non-Canadian general interest Spanish-language services noted above to the digital lists. Parties submitting comments on the request should also submit a true copy of their comments to the Canadian sponsor, Vidéotron, at the following address:

Vidéotron Itée 6th Floor, 300 Viger Avenue East Montréal, Quebec H2X 3W4

Fax: (514) 380-4664

- 4. Proof that comments have been sent to Vidéotron must accompany the original version of the comments sent to the Commission.
- 5. Comments on Vidéotron's request must be received by the Commission no later than **16 January 2006**. A copy of the comments must be received by Vidéotron no later than the deadline for receipt of comments by the Commission.
- 6. Vidéotron may file a written reply to any comments received concerning its request. This reply should be filed with the Commission, and a copy sent to the person who submitted the comments, by no later than **30 January 2006**.
- 7. The Commission will not formally acknowledge comments. It will, however, fully consider all comments and they will form part of the public record of the proceeding, provided that the procedures for filing set out below have been followed.

Procedures for filing comments

- 8. Interested parties can file their comments to the Secretary General of the Commission:
 - by using the Broadcasting Intervention/Comments Form

OR

 by mail to CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

OR

• **by fax at** (819) 994-0218

- 9. Submissions longer than five pages should include a summary.
- 10. Please number each paragraph of your submission. In addition, please enter the line ***End of document*** following the last paragraph. This will help the Commission verify that the document has not been damaged during transmission.

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- 11. All information submitted, including email address, name and any other personal information, will be placed on the public examination file and can be examined on the Commission's web site at www.crtc.gc.ca.
- 12. Comments filed in electronic form or on paper will be available in the *Public Proceedings* section of the Commission's web site in the official language and format in which they are submitted. Paper versions will be converted to electronic versions by the Commission for this purpose. All comments will be placed on the public examination file.
- 13. The Commission encourages interested parties to monitor the public examination file and the Commission's web site for additional information that they may find useful when preparing their comments.

Examination of public comments and related documents at the following Commission offices during normal business hours

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