CBC Radio-Canada

18 April 2005

Mrs. Diane Rhéaume
Secretary-General
Canadian Radio-Television &
Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A ON2

Re: Application to amend the licence of CBXT Edmonton by changing the technical parameters of its authorized transmitter in Coronation, Alberta

Dear Ms. Rhéaume:

CBC/Radio-Canada is pleased to file an application to amend the licence of CBXT-TV Edmonton by changing the technical parameters of its authorized transmitter in Coronation, approved in decision CRTC 2005-97.

CBC has successfully concluded a new arrangement with Global Communications Ltd. (Global) to purchase its CKRD-TV-1 transmitter in Coronation operating on channel 10. CBC's goal is to provide the full CBC service in Coronation and the surrounding area in the most cost effective manner. This application addresses that goal.

CBC's original application in April 2003 was predicated on an arrangement with Global whereby they would transfer control over two of their transmitters, CITV-TV-1 channel 10 in Red Deer and CKRD-TV-1 channel 10 in Coronation, and CKRD-TV would disaffiliate from the CBC. This arrangement with Global was contingent on CRTC approval of Global's application for TV rebroadcast transmitters in Edmonton and Calgary to extend CKRD-TV's service.

In Decision CRTC 2004-98, the Commission approved CKRD-TV's disaffiliation but denied their application for transmitters in Edmonton and Calgary. On the same day, in Decision CRTC 2004-100, the Commission also approved an amendment to CBXT-TV's licence in order to allow the Corporation to operate transmitters in Red Deer and Coronation.

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However, due to its failure to reach an agreement with Global, CBC was unable to implement this authority.

As a result, in September 2004, CBC proceeded with a new application to amend its CBXT Edmonton licence in order to add new transmitters at Red Deer and Coronation to provide the full CBC service to these communities. The Commission approved this application in Decision CRTC 2005-97 – channel 13 in Coronation and channel 22C in Red Deer.

Subsequent to this decision, CBC concluded a new agreement with Global to purchase its CKRD-TV-1 transmitter in Coronation operating on channel 10 at an average effective radiated power of 98,000 watts.

This arrangement will allow CBC to introduce the full CBC service to the residents of Coronation in a more cost effective manner. In addition, the effective radiated power of this transmitter is 98,000 watts, which is higher than the recently approved channel 13 transmitter at 80,600 watts. This will result in a somewhat larger coverage area. Finally, this application raises no issues that have not already been addressed and dealt with in the context of the CRTC's original approval in Decision CRTC 2004-100 dated 26 February, 2004.

Our intention is still to provide full CBC service to the residents of Red Deer and Coronation by September 1, 2005. CBC is in the process of implementing its transmitter for Red Deer. Accordingly, the Corporation respectfully requests that the Commission consider this application on an expedited basis.

Should the Commission require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs

CC: Paul Vaccani, Industry Canada
Charlotte Bell, Global Television Network

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Mr. Paul Vaccani
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Dear Mr. Vaccani:

Please find enclosed a copy of our application to the CRTC in order to change the technical parameters of our authorized English-language television transmitter at Coronation, Alberta. In decision CRTC 2005-97 dated 7 March 2005, the Commission approved our application for new transmitters at Red Deer and Coronation.

Subsequent to this decision, we concluded an agreement with Global to purchase its CKRD-TV-1 transmitter at Coronation. We plan to operate this transmitter using the same technical parameters presently authorized for Global on channel 10 with an effective radiated power of 98,000 watts.

Should your department require further information or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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