Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2006-59

Ottawa, 8 May 2006

Call for comments – Proposed amendments to the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations*

- 1. In *Request to repeal section 22 of the* Broadcasting Distribution Regulations, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2006-51, 19 April 2006 (Public Notice 2006-51), the Commission announced its intention to amend section 22 of the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations*. Section 22 currently requires Class 1 broadcasting distribution undertakings (BDUs), and those Class 2 BDUs that elect to distribute at least one audio programming service, to distribute local radio stations, provincial educational radio services and at least one English- and one French-language CBC radio station. In Public Notice 2006-51, the Commission decided to amend section 22 so as to require only that Class 1 BDUs, and those Class 2 BDUs that elect to distribute audio programming services, distribute local community, campus and native radio stations, as well as at least one CBC radio station operating in English and one in French.
- 2. A copy of the proposed *Regulations Amending the Broadcasting Distribution Regulations* is appended to this public notice.

Call for Comments

- 3. The Commission invites comments on the proposed amendments, in light of the determinations set out in Public Notice 2006-51. The Commission will accept comments that it receives on or before 5 June 2006.
- 4. 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

- 5. 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
- 6. Submissions longer than five pages should include a summary.
- 7. 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.

Important notice

- 8. Note that all information that you provide as part of this public process, except information granted confidentiality, whether sent by postal mail, facsimile, e-mail or through the Commission's web site at www.crtc.gc.ca, becomes part of a publicly accessible file and will be posted on the Commission's web site. This information includes your personal information, such as your full name, e-mail address, postal/street address, telephone and facsimile number(s), and any other personal information you provide.
- 9. Documents received electronically or otherwise will be put on the Commission's web site in their entirety exactly as you send them, including any personal information contained therein, in the official language and format in which they are received. Documents not received electronically will be available in PDF format.
- 10. The personal information you provide will be used and may be disclosed for the purpose for which the information was obtained or compiled by the Commission, or for a use consistent with that purpose.
- 11. 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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REGULATIONS AMENDING THE BROADCASTING DISTRIBUTION REGULATIONS

AMENDMENT

- 1. Section 22 of the $Broadcasting\ Distribution\ Regulations^I$ is replaced by the following:
 - **22.** (1) Except as otherwise provided under a condition of its licence, a Class 1 licensee, and any Class 2 licensee that elects to distribute an audio programming service in a licensed area, shall distribute in the licensed area
 - (a) the programming services of each local radio station that is a radio programming undertaking licensed as a campus station, a community station or a native station; and
 - (b) the programming services of at least one radio station that broadcasts in English and at least one that broadcasts in French that are owned and operated by the Corporation.
 - (2) Despite subsection (1), a licensee is not required to distribute the programming service of a digital radio station that is licensed on a transitional basis.

COMING INTO FORCE

2. These Regulations come into force on the day on which they are registered.

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