



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-67

Ottawa, 14 March 2006

Fawcett Broadcasting Limited

Sioux Lookout, Ignace, Hudson and Atikokan, Ontario

Application 2005-0627-2

Public Hearing in the National Capital Region

19 December 2005

CKDR-2 Sioux Lookout - Conversion to FM band

1. The Commission **approves** the application by Fawcett Broadcasting Limited (Fawcett) for a broadcasting licence to operate a new English-language commercial FM radio programming undertaking in Sioux Lookout to replace its AM station CKDR-2.
2. The licensee currently operates CKDR-2 as the only commercial radio service in Sioux Lookout.
3. The new FM station will provide 20 hours per week of local programming. The remaining programming will be received directly from CKDR-FM Dryden, a station also operated by Fawcett. Programming will include public service announcements, community information and advertising.
4. The licensee confirmed that it would participate in the plan developed by the Canadian Association of Broadcasters for contributions by radio licensees to Canadian talent development. Under this plan, a radio licensee serving a community the size of Sioux Lookout would normally be expected to contribute a minimum of \$400 in each broadcast year to eligible third parties for the development of Canadian musical and other artistic talent.
5. The station will operate at 97.1 MHz (channel 246A1) with an average effective radiated power of 560 watts. It will operate in a single-station market as defined in *Local programming policy for FM radio – definition of a single station market*, Public Notice CRTC 1993-121, 17 August 1993.
6. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.
7. The licence will expire 31 August 2012. It will be subject to the **conditions** set out in *New licence form for commercial radio stations*, Public Notice CRTC 1999-137, 24 August 1999, with the exception of condition of licence no. 9. Condition of licence no. 9 does not apply to stations operating in a single-station market.

8. Pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24(1) of the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act), and consistent with the licensee's request, the Commission **revokes** the licence for CKDR-2 Sioux Lookout effective on the implementation of the new FM station. Fawcett is to inform the Commission when the new FM station is implemented.
9. The Commission notes that the transmitters CKDR-1 Ignace, CKDR-3 Hudson and CKDR-6 Atikokan, presently authorized as transmitters of CKDR-2 Sioux Lookout, will be part of the new FM licence.

Issuance of the licence

10. The Department of Industry (the Department) has advised the Commission that, while this application is conditionally technically acceptable, it will only issue a broadcasting certificate when it has determined that the proposed technical parameters will not create any unacceptable interference with aeronautical NAV/COM services.
11. The Commission reminds the licensee that, pursuant to section 22(1) of the Act, no licence may be issued until the Department notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met, and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued.
12. Furthermore, the licence for this undertaking will be issued once the licensee has informed the Commission in writing that it is prepared to commence operations. The undertaking must be operational at the earliest possible date and in any event no later than 24 months from the date of this decision, unless a request for an extension of time is approved by the Commission before 14 March 2008. In order to ensure that such a request is processed in a timely manner, it should be submitted in writing at least 60 days before that date.

Employment equity

13. In accordance with *Implementation of an employment equity policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1992-59, 1 September 1992, the Commission encourages the licensee to consider employment equity issues in its hiring practices and in all other aspects of its management of human resources.

Secretary General

This decision is to be appended to the licence. It is available in alternative format upon request, and may also be examined in PDF format or in HTML at the following Internet site: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca>