



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-172

Ottawa, 27 April 2006

**John S. Panikkar, on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated
Across Canada**

*Application 2005-0766-8
Public Hearing at Calgary, Alberta
21 February 2006*

AHD – Category 2 specialty service

*In this decision, the Commission **approves** an application for a broadcasting licence to operate a new Category 2 specialty programming undertaking.*

The application

1. The Commission received an application by John S. Panikkar, on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated, for a broadcasting licence to operate a national, English-language Category 2¹ high definition (HD) specialty programming undertaking to be known as AHD.
2. The applicant proposed to offer an HD service that would be devoted to what the applicant describes as AHD, meaning “adrenaline high definition” programs that would focus on the impact of high definition imagery on high-octane, limit-defying human activity and adventure that tests individual personal limits, both physical and mental. All of the programming would be drawn from the following categories as set out in Schedule 1 to the *Specialty Services Regulations, 1990*: 2(a) Analysis and interpretation; 2(b) Long-form documentary; 5(b) Informal education/Recreation and leisure; 7(g) Other drama; 11 General entertainment and human interest; 12 Interstitials; and 13 Public service announcements.
3. The Commission received interventions in support of this application.

Commission’s analysis and determination

4. The Commission is satisfied that the application is in conformity with all applicable terms and conditions announced in *Introductory statement – Licensing of new digital pay and specialty services – Corrected Appendix 2*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-171-1, 6 March 2001 (Public Notice 2000-171-1). Accordingly, the Commission **approves** the

¹ The Category 2 services are defined in *Introductory statement – Licensing of new digital pay and specialty services*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-171, 14 December 2000.

application by John S. Panikkar, on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated for a broadcasting licence to operate the national, English-language Category 2 high definition specialty programming undertaking, AHD.

5. The licence will expire 31 August 2012, and will be subject to the **conditions** set out in Public Notice 2000-171-1, as well as to the **conditions** set out in the appendix to this decision.

Issuance of the licence

6. A licence will be issued once the applicant has satisfied the Commission, with supporting documentation, that the following requirements have been met:
 - an eligible Canadian corporation has been incorporated in accordance with the application in all material respects;
 - the applicant has entered into a distribution agreement with at least one licensed distributor; and
 - the applicant 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 36 months from the date of this decision, unless a request for an extension of time is approved by the Commission before 27 April 2009. In order to ensure that such a request is processed in a timely manner, it should be submitted at least 60 days before that date.

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>

Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-172

Conditions of licence

1. The licence will be subject to the conditions set out in *Introductory statement – Licensing of new digital pay and specialty services – Corrected Appendix 2*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-171-1, 6 March 2001.
2. The licensee shall provide a national, English-language Category 2 high definition specialty programming service devoted to programs that focus on the impact of high definition imagery on high-octane, limit-defying human activity and adventure that tests individual personal limits, both physical and mental.
3. The programming shall be drawn exclusively from the following categories, as set out in Schedule I to the *Specialty Services Regulations, 1990*, as amended from time to time:
 - 2 (a) Analysis and interpretation
 - (b) Long-form documentary
 - 5 (b) Informal education/Recreation and leisure
 - 7 (g) Other drama
 - 11 General entertainment and human interest
 - 12 Interstitials
 - 13 Public service announcements

For the purposes of the conditions of this licence, including condition of licence no.1, *broadcast day* refers to the 24-hour period beginning each day at 6 a.m., or any other period approved by the Commission.