Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2007-113

Ottawa, 10 October 2007

The Commission has received the following applications. The deadline for submission of interventions/comments is 14 November 2007.

[Broadcasting intervention/comments form]

Item Applicant and Locality

1. **Jack McGaw Consulting Incorporated** Halifax, Nova Scotia

Application No. 2007-1271-2

2. Blackburn Radio Inc.

Sarnia, Ontario Application No. 2007-1300-2

1. Halifax, Nova Scotia Application No. 2007-1271-2

Application by **Jack McGaw Consulting Incorporated** to amend the licence of the English-language tourist information radio programming undertaking CIRH-FM Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The licensee proposes:

- a) to amend the licence by changing the frequency from 97.9 MHz (channel 250LP) to 107.7 MHz (channel 299A).
- b) to change the authorized contours by increasing the effective radiated power from 10 watts to an average effective radiated power of 560 watts (maximum effective radiated power 1,000 watts/effective antenna height 152 metres).

The licensee states that the proposed changes will result in a better quality signal to listeners located in the Halifax Regional Municipality. As the station has been appointed as the Municipality's Designated Broadcast System in case of an emergency, it notes that the service it provides will require a stronger signal to reach all segments of the municipality in the event of an emergency.



It is also concerned that its signal is likely to experience interference from a new French-language radio programming undertaking which will occupy 98.5 MHz (channel 253B1) as soon as October 2007.

The Commission notes that pursuant to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-139, 12 April 2006 and CRTC 2006-467, 6 September 2006, *Coopérative Radio-Halifax-Métro limitée* was approved to operate a French-language Type A community FM radio station in Halifax utilizing the frequency 98.5 MHz (channel 253B1) with an effective radiated power of 2,350 watts.

The authorized contours of the station will be increased significantly resulting from the proposed technical changes.

The Commission notes that the increase in power would result in a change of the CIRH-FM status from a low-power unprotected service to a regular Class A service.

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Examination of application:

At the licensee's address, and

Office of the Chief of Communications Halifax City Hall 1841 Argyle Street Halifax, Nova Scotia

2. Sarnia, Ontario Application No. 2007-1300-2

Application by **Blackburn Radio Inc.** (Blackburn) for the use of frequency 103.9 MHz (channel 280A1) with an effective radiated power of 200 watts (non-directional antenna/effective antenna height 59 metres) for the operation of the new transmitter approved in *CHOK Sarnia – Licence amendment*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2007-241, 20 July 2007 (Decision CRTC 2007-241).

The present application is filed in response to Decision CRTC 2007-241 in which the Commission stated that Blackburn must submit, within three months from the date of this decision, a further application proposing alternative technical parameters that are acceptable to both the Commission and the Department of Industry.

Applicant's address:

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Examination of application:

At the licensee's address

Public Participation

Deadline for Interventions/Comments

14 November 2007

The intervention must be received by the CRTC and by the applicant on or before the above-mentioned date. The Commission cannot be held responsible for postal delays.

Your intervention will be considered by the Commission, and will form part of the public record of the proceeding without further notification to you, provided the procedure set out below has been followed. You will be contacted only if your submission raises procedural questions.

Submit your written intervention to the Secretary General of the Commission in **only one** of the following formats:

by using the

[Broadcasting intervention/comments form]

or

by mail to CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

or

by fax at 819-994-0218

A true copy must be sent to the applicant and proof that this has been done must accompany the intervention sent to the Commission.

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Before initiating service through electronic mode, please ensure that you will be able to satisfy the Commission, upon request, that service of the notification was completed.

Where the intervention is filed by electronic means, the line ***End of document*** should be entered following the last paragraph of the document, as an indication that the document has not been damaged during electronic transmission.

Each paragraph of the document should be numbered.

Your intervention should clearly identify the application and indicate whether you support or oppose the application, or if you propose changes to it, include the facts and grounds for your proposal.

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Examination of Documents

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Documents are also available during normal office hours at the local address provided in this notice and at the Commission offices and documentation centres directly involved with these applications or, upon request, within 2 working days, at any other CRTC offices and documentation centres.

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