



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2009-649

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Astral Media Radio (Toronto) Inc. and 4382072 Canada Inc., partners in a general partnership carrying on business as Astral Media Radio G.P.
Ottawa and Pembroke, Ontario

Application 2008-1232-2, received 11 September 2008

CKQB-FM Ottawa and CKQB-FM-1 Pembroke – Technical change

1. The Commission **approves** the application by Astral Media Radio (Toronto) Inc. and 4382072 Canada Inc., partners in a general partnership carrying on business as Astral Media Radio G.P., to amend the broadcasting licence for the English-language commercial FM radio programming undertaking CKQB-FM Ottawa by changing the frequency of its transmitter CKQB-FM-1 Pembroke from 99.7 MHz (channel 259B) to 99.9 MHz (channel 260B) and by decreasing its effective radiated power from 45,200 to 7,500 watts. The Commission did not receive any interventions concerning this application.
2. The licensee stated that the purpose of its application was to avoid co-channel spacing issues between CKQB-FM-1 and its new English-language commercial FM radio station, which was authorized to broadcast at 99.7 MHz in *Licensing of new radio stations to serve Ottawa and Gatineau*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-222, 26 August 2008.¹
3. The licensee also indicated that the approval of the technical change would fulfill the commitments made in the context of Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2007-13-2, 23 November 2007, in order to minimize potential signal interference and to address technical limitations associated with the use of proposed FM frequencies for the Ottawa-Gatineau market.
4. 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.

¹ Confirmed in *Reconsideration of Broadcasting Decision 2008-222 pursuant to Orders in Council P.C. 2008-1769 and P.C. 2008-1770*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2009-481, 11 August 2009.

5. The Commission reminds the licensee that pursuant to section 22(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*, this authority will only be effective when the Department notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued.

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>.