## **Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2009-774**

Route reference: 2009-666

Ottawa, 14 December 2009

**Novus Entertainment Inc.** 

Metro Vancouver, British Columbia

Application 2009-1332-8, received 29 September 2009

## Terrestrial broadcasting distribution undertaking – Licence amendment

1. The Commission **approves** the application by Novus Entertainment Inc. to amend the broadcasting licence for its Class 1 terrestrial broadcasting distribution undertaking (BDU) serving Metro Vancouver by adding the following condition of licence:

The licensee is relieved from the requirement set out in section 7 of the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations* as it pertains to the passing through of video description on an analog basis. The authority is subject to its providing, upon request, a complementary digital set-top box to its analog cable subscribers who are blind or who have a visual impairment, to enable these subscribers to access video description on a digital basis.

- 2. The Commission received one intervention from an individual commenting on this application. The intervener considered that all BDUs should follow the same rules and meet the same requirements with respect to described video.
- 3. In this regard, the Commission notes that approval of the current application reflects the Commission's determinations with respect to the passing through of video description on an analog basis set out in *Distribution of video description by Class 1 cable broadcasting distribution undertakings (BDUs), direct-to-home BDUs and satellite relay distribution undertakings*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2007-101, 12 September 2007.

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.

