# **Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2012-470**

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### Robert G. Hopkins

Tagish and Haines Junction, Yukon Territory

Application 2012-0165-7

# **CFET-FM Tagish – New low-power transmitter in Haines Junction**

The Commission approves the application by Robert G. Hopkins to amend the broadcasting licence for the English-language, low-power commercial radio station CFET-FM Tagish in order to operate a low-power transmitter in Haines Junction, Yukon Territory.

## The application

- 1. The Commission received an application by Robert G. Hopkins to amend the broadcasting licence for the English-language, low-power commercial radio programming undertaking CFET-FM Tagish in order to operate a low-power rebroadcasting transmitter in Haines Junction, Yukon Territory. The applicant also proposed to broadcast a minimum of 44 hours of local programming in order to serve the community of Haines Junction.
- 2. The transmitter would operate at 99.9 MHz (channel 260LP) with an effective radiated power of 25 watts (directional antenna with an effective height of antenna above average terrain of 413.2 metres). 1
- 3. The Commission received interventions and a comment in support of this application. The public record for this application can be found on the Commission's website at www.crtc.gc.ca, under "Public Proceedings."

# Commission's analysis and decision

- 4. After examining the application in light of applicable acts and regulations, the Commission considers that the issue it must address is the broadcast of local programming on a rebroadcasting transmitter.
- 5. The Commission notes that, under the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act), if not exempt, a broadcasting undertaking is required to possess a broadcasting licence. The definition of an FM station in the *Radio Regulations*, 1986 includes an exception to this requirement,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These technical parameters reflect those approved by the Department of Industry.



in the case of a transmitter that only rebroadcast the radiocommunications of a licensee. Therefore, pursuant to the Act, if the applicant intends to provide local programming to the community of Haines Junction on its new transmitter in addition to programming originating from CFET-FM Tagish, the licensee will be required to apply for a separate broadcasting licence for the undertaking to serve Haines Junction.

### Conclusion

6. In light of the above, the Commission **approves** the application by Robert G. Hopkins to amend the broadcasting licence for the English-language, low-power commercial radio programming undertaking CFET-FM Tagish in order to operate a rebroadcasting transmitter in Haines Junction, Yukon Territory. This transmitter will permit the licensee to rebroadcast the programming of CFET-FM to the community of Haines Junction.

#### Conditions prior to the implementation of the transmitter

- 7. The Commission reminds the licensee that, pursuant to section 22(1) of the Act, this authority will only be effective when the Department of Industry (the Department) notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued.
- 8. Given that the technical parameters approved in this decision are for a low-power unprotected FM service, the Commission also reminds the licensee that it will have to select another frequency if the Department so requires.
- 9. The transmitter 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 30 August 2014. 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.

#### Secretary General

\*This decision is to be appended to the licence.