Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2013-631

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Rogers Broadcasting Limited
Squamish, British Columbia

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CISQ-FM Squamish – Licence renewal and amendment

*The Commission **renews** the broadcasting licence for the English-language commercial radio station CISQ-FM Squamish from 1 January 2014 to 31 August 2020.*

*The Commission **approves** the licensee's proposal that it be required to broadcast not less than 30 hours of local station-produced programming per broadcast week, rather than the currently required three hours.*

The application

1. Rogers Broadcasting Limited (Rogers) filed an application to renew the broadcasting licence for the English-language commercial radio station CISQ-FM Squamish, which expires 31 December 2013.[1]

2. In addition, Rogers proposed an amendment to the station's condition of licence relating to the broadcast of local station-produced programming, to require it to broadcast not less than 30 hours of such programming each broadcast week, rather than the currently required three hours.

3. The Commission received numerous interventions in support of this application.

Commission's analysis and decision

4. After examining the application in light of applicable regulations and policies, the Commission considers that the issue to be addressed is the proposed amendment to the station's condition of licence relating to the broadcast of local station-produced programming.

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[1] The original licence expiry date for the station was 31 August 2013. The licence was administratively renewed until 31 December 2013 as a result of *Various radio programming undertakings – Administrative renewals*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2013-418, 19 August 2013.

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5. Rogers stated that CISQ-FM currently offers a minimum of 68.7 hours of local station-produced programming per broadcast week despite being required, by condition of licence, to offer not less than three hours. Following a request for clarification, the Commission asked the licensee if it would commit, by condition of licence, to broadcast a higher level of local station-produced programming. Rogers agreed and proposed that the relevant condition of licence be amended to specify that CISQ-FM is required to broadcast not less than 30 hours of local station-produced programming per broadcast week. Accordingly, the Commission **approves** the licensee's proposal. A **condition of licence** to that effect is set out in the appendix to this decision.

Conclusion

6. In light of the above, the Commission **renews** the broadcasting licence for the English-language commercial radio programming undertaking CISQ-FM Squamish from 1 January 2014 to 31 August 2020. The terms and **conditions of licence** are set out in the appendix to this decision.

Employment equity

7. Because this licensee is subject to the *Employment Equity Act* and files reports concerning employment equity with the Department of Human Resources and Skills Development, its employment equity practices are not examined by the Commission.

Secretary General

This decision is to be appended to the licence.

Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2013-631

Terms and conditions of licence for the English-language commercial radio programming undertaking CISQ-FM Squamish, British Columbia

Terms

The licence will expire 31 August 2020.

Conditions of licence

1. The licensee shall adhere to the conditions set out in *Conditions of licence for commercial AM and FM radio stations*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2009-62, 11 February 2009, as amended from time to time.

2. The licensee shall ensure that during each broadcast week, the undertaking broadcasts not less than 30 hours of local station-produced programming.

3. The undertaking is exempt from the requirement set out in *Local programming policy for FM radio – Definition of a single-station market*, Public Notice CRTC 1993-121, 17 August 1993, that, in order to solicit or accept local advertising, at least one-third of its programming must be local programming.