



Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2004-61-2

Ottawa, 7 January 2005

Call for comments on a request by the CCTA for the addition of HD Net and Discovery HD Theater to the lists of satellite services eligible for digital distribution

Second extension of deadline for submission of comments

1. In *Call for comments on a request by the CCTA for the addition of HD Net and Discovery HD Theater to the lists of satellite services eligible for digital distribution*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2004-61, 10 August 2004 (Public Notice 2004-61), the Commission invited comments on a request by the Canadian Cable Telecommunications Association (CCTA) to add two high definition (HD) non-Canadian satellite services, HDNet and Discovery HD Theater, to the lists of satellite services eligible for digital distribution (the digital lists). The Commission established a deadline of 5 November 2004 for the filing of comments, followed by written replies from the CCTA by no later than 19 November 2004.
2. The Commission invited parties filing comments concerning the CCTA's request to take into account the proceeding initiated by *Call for comments on a proposed framework for the licensing and distribution of high definition pay and specialty services*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2004-58, 6 August 2004 (Public Notice 2004-58), which would include additional questions related to the migration of pay and specialty services to a digital distribution environment to be set out in a second public notice (the migration notice).
3. By letter dated 4 October 2004, the CCTA requested that the Commission extend the deadline for the filing of comments with regard to Public Notice 2004-58, noting among other things that the Commission had not yet issued the migration notice.
4. In comments dated 14 October 2004 supporting the CCTA's request for an extension, CTV Inc. (CTV) also requested an extension of the deadline to submit comments on the CCTA's request to add the above-noted non-Canadian satellite services to the digital lists. CTV requested that the Commission extend the deadline for comments until at least 90 days following the release of the migration notice.

5. In public notices issued on 22 October 2004¹, having considered the comments received, the Commission extended the deadline for the submission of comments with respect to both Public Notice 2004-58 and Public Notice 2004-61 to 7 February 2005. The CCTA was provided until 21 February 2005 to file written replies to any comments received concerning Public Notice 2004-61.
6. The Commission has published its migration notice today (see *Determinations with respect to the establishment of rules to govern the distribution of specialty services on the basic service of fully digital cable undertakings; and call for proposals for a framework to guide the migration of pay and specialty services from analog to a digital distribution environment*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2005-1). Accordingly, the Commission has extended the deadline for comments on the matters raised in Public Notice 2004-58 to 7 March 2005².
7. The Commission likewise extends the deadline for the filing of comments with respect to Public Notice 2004-61 to **7 March 2005**. The CCTA may file written replies to any comments no later than **21 March 2005**.

Secretary General

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¹ See *Call for comments on a proposed framework for the licensing and distribution of high definition pay and specialty services - Extension of deadline for submission of comments*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2004-58-1, and *Call for comments on a request by the CCTA for the addition of HD Net and Discovery HD Theater to the lists of satellite services eligible for digital distribution – Extension of deadline for submission of comments*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2004-61-1, both dated 22 October 2004.

² See *Call for comments on a proposed framework for the licensing and distribution of high definition pay and specialty services – Second extension of deadline for submission of comments*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2004-58-2, 7 January 2005.