



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2005-531

Ottawa, 27 October 2005

Vidéotron Itée, on behalf of itself and its subsidiary Vidéotron (Regional) Ltd.

Québec, Saint-Joachim and Sainte-Pétronille, Quebec

Application 2005-0767-6

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Application for relief from section 25(a) of the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations*

1. The Commission received an application by Vidéotron Itée, on behalf of itself and its subsidiary Videotron (Regional) Ltd. (collectively, Vidéotron), to amend the broadcasting licences for the cable distribution undertakings serving Québec, Saint-Joachim and Sainte-Pétronille, Quebec. Specifically, Vidéotron applied to be relieved of the requirement of section 25(a) of the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations* (the Regulations) that it not distribute the community channel on a restricted channel.
2. In *New low-power community television station in Québec*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2003-413, 22 August 2003 (Decision 2003-413), the Commission authorized a new low-power community television station in Québec (Télé-Mag inc.) on channel 9. As a result of this authorization, channel nine, which is used by Vidéotron to distribute the community channel in the communities mentioned above, has changed from an unrestricted channel to a restricted channel.
3. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.
4. In support of its application, Vidéotron submitted that it is preferable to use the only VHF frequency still available on the basic band for the new television station approved in Decision 2003-413 and to continue to distribute its community channel on channel 9, given that it is the channel used for community programming almost everywhere in Quebec.
5. Given that there have been no complaints about the distribution of the community channel on a restricted channel, and in light of the reasons presented by Vidéotron, the Commission is satisfied that it is appropriate, in the present case, to allow Vidéotron to continue the distribution of the community channel on a restricted channel.

6. Consequently, the Commission **approves** the application by Vidéotron ltée, on behalf of itself and its subsidiary Videotron (Regional) Ltd. (collectively, Vidéotron), to be relieved, by **condition of licence**, of the requirement of section 25(a) of the Regulations that it not distribute the community channel on a restricted channel, so long as the quality of the signal does not deteriorate. If the Commission finds that the quality of the signal has deteriorated to the extent that reception problems are evident, Vidéotron must immediately take the necessary corrective measures to provide an adequate signal.

Secretary General

This decision is to be appended to each 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>