



## Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-438

Ottawa, 31 August 2006

### **Videotron Ltd.**

Saint-Félicien, Quebec

*Application 2005-1330-1*

*Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2006-64*

*23 May 2006*

### **Cable distribution undertaking at Saint-Félicien – Licence renewal**

1. The Commission **renews** the broadcasting licence for the Class 2 cable broadcasting distribution undertaking (BDU) serving Saint-Félicien, from 1 September 2006 to 31 August 2013.
2. The Commission also **approves** the application by Videotron Ltd. in order to redefine the authorized service area of the cable BDU serving Saint-Félicien.
3. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.
4. The operation of this undertaking is regulated pursuant to the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations*. The licence will be subject to the **conditions** specified therein as well as to the **conditions** listed in the appendix to this decision.
5. Because this licensee is subject to the *Employment Equity Act* and files reports concerning employment equity with Human Resources and Skills Development Canada, its employment equity practices are not examined by the Commission.

Secretary General

*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>*

## Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-438

### Conditions of licence

1. The licensee is authorized to distribute, on a digital discretionary basis, the programming service of the distant Canadian stations CITY-TV Toronto and CKXT-TV (SunTV) Toronto.
2. The licensee is authorized to distribute, at its option, as part of the basic service, WXYZ-TV (ABC), WDIV (NBC) and WTVS (PBS) Detroit, Michigan, as well as WTOL-TV (CBS) Toledo, Ohio.
3. The licensee is authorized to distribute the signals of the transitional digital television undertakings CFTO-DT Toronto and CIII-DT-41 Toronto, as part of its HD digital service, until Montréal digital television undertakings that provide CTV and Global programming in HD begin broadcasting. Specifically, the authorization to distribute CFTO-DT Toronto will lapse once a Montréal digital television undertaking that provides CTV programming in HD begins broadcasting, and the authorization to distribute CIII-DT-41 Toronto will lapse once a Montréal digital television undertaking that provides Global programming in HD begins broadcasting.

The Commission reminds the licensee that the simultaneous substitution requirements set out in section 30 of the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations* and in paragraph 99 of *The Regulatory framework for the distribution of digital television signals*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2003-61, 11 November 2003, apply to transitional digital television undertakings.

4. The licensee is authorized to distribute the following signals on a digital discretionary basis:
  - a second set of signals that provides the programming of the four U.S. commercial networks (CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX) and the non-commercial PBS network (hereafter referred to as the U.S. 4+1 signals).

The distribution on a discretionary basis on the licensee's digital service of a second set of U.S. 4+1 signals is subject to the provision that, with respect to such signals, the licensee adhere to the requirements regarding non-simultaneous program deletion set out in section 43 of the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations*. The Commission may suspend the application of this provision, with respect to the signals to be distributed, upon its approval of an executed agreement between the licensee and broadcasters. Such an agreement must deal with issues related to the protection of program rights arising in connection with the discretionary carriage of a second set of U.S. 4+1 signals solely on the licensee's digital service.

The Commission reminds the licensee that the requirements set out in section 30 of the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations* regarding simultaneous substitution apply also in the case of U.S. 4+1 signals.

5. The licensee may, at its option, insert certain promotional material as a substitute for the “local availabilities” (i.e., non-Canadian advertising material) of non-Canadian satellite services. At least 75% of these local availabilities must be made available for use by licensed Canadian programming services for the promotion of their respective services, for the promotion of the community channel and for unpaid Canadian public service announcements. A maximum of 25% of the local availabilities may be used to provide subscribers with information regarding customer service and channel realignments, and for the promotion of discretionary programming services and packages, cable FM service, additional cable outlets and non-programming services, including Internet and telephone services.
6. The licensee shall, as an exception to the requirement set out in section 27.1(1) of the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations*, devote at least 45% of the programming distributed on the community channel in the licensed area in each broadcast week to the distribution of local community television programming.