Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-675

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Coopérative de Radiodiffusion MF 103,5 de Lanaudière Joliette, Quebec

Application 2005-1276-6 Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2006-121 19 September 2006

CJLM-FM Joliette - Licence renewal

The Commission renews the broadcasting licence for the commercial radio programming undertaking CJLM-FM Joliette, from 1 January 2007 to 31 August 2013.

The application

1. The Commission received an application by the Coopérative de Radiodiffusion MF 103,5 de Lanaudière (the Coopérative) to renew the broadcasting licence for the commercial radio programming undertaking CJLM-FM Joliette. The licence expires on 31 December 2006.¹

Intervention

- 2. The Commission received an intervention offering general comments in connection with this application, from the Association québécoise de l'industrie du disque, du spectacle et de la vidéo (ADISQ).
- 3. Noting that the Coopérative submitted an abridged licence renewal application for CJLM-FM, ADISQ expressed its concerns regarding the streamlined process set out by the Commission in *The CRTC Streamlines Radio Renewals Process*, Broadcasting Circular CRTC 2002-448, 7 June 2002. ADISQ noted that there were not enough evaluations of the station's compliance throughout the current licence term, pointing out that the public file contained only one compliance evaluation. The intervener finds this situation unfortunate because it was unable to assess CJLM-FM's compliance with its requirements regarding the broadcast of Canadian music selections and French-language vocal music selections.

¹ The term of this licence was extended for administrative reasons. In *Administrative renewals*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-396, 23 August 2006, the Commission extended the licence term to 31 December 2006.



- 4. ADISQ is pleased to note that the Coopérative has met its Canadian talent development (CTD) obligations for each year of its previous licence period, and that the expenditures in question were paid to MUSICACTION. ADISQ asked the Commission to require, as a condition of licence for the licensee's next licence term, that contributions to CTD made for the station to be renewed be directed to MUSICACTION.
- 5. The Coopérative did not reply to the intervention.

Commission's analysis and determinations

- 6. The Commission notes ADISQ's comments concerning the streamlined renewal process for radio licences. In *Review of the Commercial Radio Policy*, Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2006-1, 13 January 2006, the Commission invited written comments from interested parties on various issues, including issues relating to the streamlined renewal process for radio licences. The Commission held a public hearing on this issue commencing 15 May 2006 in the National Capital Region.
- 7. In Call for comments on the Commission's service standards, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2006-16, 10 February 2006, the Commission announced that for the year 2006-2007, it was undertaking streamlining measures to specifically address, among other topics, licence renewal applications that are dealt with by public notice. In Streamlined processes for certain broadcasting applications, Broadcasting Circular CRTC 2006-1, 27 March 2006, the Commission announced that it would continue to examine additional options to increase the efficiency of its procedures, including a further streamlining of the licence renewal process. Finally, in Introduction of service standards for certain broadcasting applications, Broadcasting Circular CRTC 2006-2, 5 April 2006, the Commission announced new service standards for its processing of certain types of applications, including applications for licence renewals currently processed using the public notice approach. ADISQ's concerns regarding the streamlined renewal process for radio licences will be considered in the Commission's deliberations on this issue.
- 8. With respect to CTD contributions, the Commission reviewed CJLM-FM's file and notes that the station is in compliance with its condition of licence requiring annual minimum contributions of \$400.
- 9. Accordingly, the Commission **renews** the broadcasting licence for the commercial radio programming undertaking CJLM-FM Joliette, from 1 January 2007 to 31 August 2013. The licence will be subject to the **conditions** set out in *New licence form for commercial radio stations*, Public Notice CRTC 1999-137, 24 August 1999.

Employment equity

10. In accordance with *Implementation of an employment equity policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1992-59, 1 September 1992, the Commission encourages the licensee to consider employment equity issues in its hiring practices and in all other aspects of its management of human resources.

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