



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2007-111

Ottawa, 12 April 2007

Astral Media Radio Atlantic Inc.
Plaster Rock, New Brunswick

Application 2007-0079-1
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CIKX-FM Grand Falls – Licence amendment

1. The Commission **approves** the application by Astral Media Radio Atlantic Inc. (Astral) to amend the broadcasting licence of the radio programming undertaking CIKX-FM Grand Falls, New Brunswick, to operate an FM transmitter in Plaster Rock to replace its AM transmitter CJCJ-2. The new FM transmitter will operate at 91.7 MHz (channel 219LP) with an effective radiated power of 50 watts.
2. Astral submitted that the AM transmitter was inefficient, worn-out and difficult to maintain. It also stated that the AM transmitter site was in a low-lying area and that the FM transmitter would have to be relocated to an area with an elevation for line-of-sight coverage. Astral further stated that its sole concern is the quality of its signal and that the proposed coverage for the new FM transmitter is roughly the same as that of the AM transmitter.
3. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.
4. The licensee is authorized, by **condition of licence**, to simulcast the programming of CIKX-FM on the new FM transmitter and on CJCJ-2 for a transition period of three months following the commencement of operations of the FM transmitter. Pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24(1) of the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act), and consistent with the licensee's request, the Commission **revokes** the licence for CJCJ-2 effective at the end of the simulcast period.
5. The Department of Industry (the Department) has advised the Commission that, while this application is conditionally technically acceptable, it will only issue a broadcasting certificate when it has determined that the proposed technical parameters will not create any unacceptable interference with aeronautical NAV/COM services.
6. The Commission reminds the licensee that, pursuant to section 22(1) of the Act, this authority will only be effective when the Department notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met, and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued.

7. Given that the technical parameters approved in this decision are for a low-power unprotected FM service, the Commission also reminds the licensee that it will have to select another frequency if the Department so requires.
8. The FM transmitter must be operational at the earliest possible date and in any event no later than 24 months from the date of this decision, unless a request for an extension of time is approved by the Commission before 12 April 2007. In order to ensure that such a request is processed in a timely manner, it should be submitted in writing at least 60 days before that date.

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>