



## Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2007-3-1

Ottawa, 13 March 2007

*Further to its Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2007-3 dated 1 March 2007 relating to a Public Hearing to be held on 30 April 2007, at 9:30 a.m., at the Conference Centre, Portage IV, 140 Promenade du Portage, Gatineau, Quebec, the Commission announces the following:*

The Commission has determined that it will not consider, at this public hearing, comments with respect to the effectiveness of its common ownership policy for over-the-air (OTA) television as previously set out in Notice of Public Hearing 2007-3. Instead, the Commission has decided to launch a public proceeding, to be held in the Fall of 2007, which will review issues relating to the Broadcasting Act's objective of ensuring that the broadcasting system provides Canadians with a diversity of voices. The scope of this proceeding will be set out in a notice of public hearing to be issued shortly.

**THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ARE WITHDRAWN FROM THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2007-3:**

### **A Review of the Commission's Common Ownership Policy**

As noted above, the Commission's current common ownership policy is set out in *Building on Success – A Policy Framework for Canadian Television*, Public Notice CRTC 1999-97.

In its recent review of the regulatory framework for over-the-air television, *Review of certain aspects of the regulatory framework for over-the-air television*, Public Notice CRTC 2006-5, the Commission recognized that the Canadian television industry has experienced considerable ownership consolidation since 1999.

In light of this proposed transaction, the Commission considers that this is the appropriate time to seek public comment on the effectiveness of the current policy. In addition to comments relating to the existing policy, the Commission is prepared to consider alternative mechanisms, including appropriate safeguards, which will better fulfil the Commission's objectives of ensuring that Canadians receive a diversity of editorial voices within a healthy and competitive market.

Secretary General

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