



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-252

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Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
Vancouver, British Columbia

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CBU Vancouver – New transmitter in Vancouver

1. The Commission **approves** the application by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) to amend the broadcasting licence for the radio programming undertaking CBU Vancouver in order to operate a transmitter in Vancouver to rebroadcast the programming of its national English-language network service Radio One.
2. The new transmitter will operate at 88.1 MHz (channel 201C) with an average effective radiated power of 8,900 watts.
3. The Commission received an intervention in support of this application.
4. In *Licensing of new radio stations to serve the Vancouver radio market*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-117, 30 May 2008 (Broadcasting Decision 2008-117), the Commission approved in part an application by the CBC to operate a new FM station in Vancouver. The Commission authorized the use of 88.1 MHz (channel 201C) by the CBC to operate an FM station in Vancouver. The Commission denied the CBC's applications to add an FM transmitter of its Vancouver station on Gabriola Island and to add a transmitter of its station CBCV-FM Victoria in Nanaimo, British Columbia.
5. The CBC had proposed to convert its AM station CBU Vancouver to the FM band to serve Vancouver while the proposed transmitters were intended to maintain coverage to the outlying areas. However, the Commission determined that, given the scarcity of frequencies in the relevant areas, the CBC should maintain operation of its AM frequency in Vancouver. The Commission indicated that the CBC could continue operation of its AM station while adding an FM transmitter at 88.1 MHz (channel 201C) or operate a FM station at 88.1 MHz (channel 201C) with a transmitter at its current AM frequency.
6. The CBC has chosen to maintain the AM undertaking CBU and add an FM transmitter to address coverage deficiencies in Vancouver. Accordingly, the CBC filed the present application for an amendment to the authority granted in Broadcasting Decision 2008-117.

7. 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.
8. The Commission reminds the licensee that pursuant to section 22(1) of the *Broadcasting 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.
9. The 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 5 September 2010. 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>.