



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-300

Ottawa, 5 November 2008

Wired World Inc.
Kitchener, Ontario

Application 2008-0223-2, received 11 February 2008
Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2008-47
27 May 2008

CKWR-FM Kitchener – Licence renewal

1. The Commission **renews** the broadcasting licence for the English-language Type B community radio programming undertaking CKWR-FM Kitchener from 1 January 2009¹ to 31 August 2012. The licence will be subject to the **conditions** specified therein as well as to the **conditions** set out in the appendix to this decision.
2. In Broadcasting Public Notice 2008-47, the Commission noted that the licensee may have failed to comply with subsection 9(2) of the *Radio Regulations, 1986* (the Regulations) relating to the provision of annual returns for 2001, 2002 and 2004.
3. The Commission notes that this is the first time that this licensee has been found to be in non-compliance with the Regulations as they pertain to the filing of annual returns.
4. As set out in Circular No. 444, where apparent non-compliance is observed for the first time, the station is normally granted a short-term licence renewal, generally for four years, to permit a further review of its compliance within a reasonable period of time. As noted above, this is the first time that this licensee has been found to be in non-compliance with respect to the filing of annual returns. As such, the Commission finds it appropriate to renew the licence for this undertaking for a short-term period of four years, in accordance with Circular No. 444. This short-term renewal will enable the Commission to assess at an earlier date the licensee's compliance with the Regulations.
5. The station will broadcast 126 hours of programming per week. Community radio stations have the flexibility to reduce or increase their weekly broadcast time by up to 20% without application to the Commission. A change of more than 20%, however, requires prior Commission approval.

¹ In Broadcasting Decision 2008-245, the Commission administratively renewed the licence for CKWR-FM from 1 September to 31 December 2008.

6. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Administrative renewals*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-245, 29 August 2008
- *Renewals for radio programming undertaking licences due to expire in 2008*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2008-47, 27 May 2008
- *Practices regarding radio non-compliance*, Circular No. 444, 7 May 2001
- *New licence form for community radio stations*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-157, 16 November 2000

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 2008-300

Conditions of licence

1. The licence shall be subject to the conditions set out in *New licence form for community radio stations*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-157, 16 November 2000, with the exception of condition 1.
2. If the licensee originates 42 or more hours of programming in any broadcast week, the licensee shall adhere to the Canadian Association of Broadcasters' *Equitable Portrayal Code*, as amended from time to time and approved by the Commission.
3. The licensee shall devote no less than 12% of its selections from category 3 (Special Interest Music) in each broadcast week to Canadian selections broadcast in their entirety.
4. The licensee shall broadcast, during ethnic program periods, a minimum level of 10% Canadian selections.
5. The licensee shall devote 23 hours each broadcast week to the broadcast of ethnic programs.
6. The licensee shall devote a minimum of 19 hours each broadcast week to third-language programming.
7. The licensee shall provide programming directed to a minimum of 8 cultural groups in a minimum of 6 different languages.

Encouragement

Employment equity

The Commission considers that community radio stations should be particularly sensitive to employment equity issues in order to reflect fully the communities they serve. It encourages the licensee to consider these issues in its hiring practices and in all other aspects of its management of human resources.