



## Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-80

Ottawa, 9 April 2008

### **Quebecor Media Inc., on behalf of Videotron Ltd. and CF Cable TV Inc.**

Various locations in Quebec

*Application 2007-1844-7, received 12 December 2007*

*Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2008-10*

*21 January 2008*

### **Cable broadcasting distribution undertakings – Licence amendment**

*The Commission **approves** the application by Quebecor Media Inc. (Quebecor), on behalf of Videotron Ltd. and CF Cable TV Inc., to amend the licences for its cable broadcasting distribution undertakings serving various locations in Quebec to be relieved of the requirement relating to the passing through of video description of services distributed on an analog basis. Quebecor is relieved of this requirement subject to its providing, upon request, a complimentary digital set-top box to its subscribers who are blind or who have a visual impairment to enable these subscribers to access video description of programming services on a digital basis.*

### **Introduction**

1. The Commission received an application by Quebecor Media Inc., on behalf of Videotron Ltd. and CF Cable TV Inc., to amend the licences for its cable broadcasting distribution undertakings (BDUs) serving various locations in Quebec by adding the following condition of licence:

The licensee is relieved from the requirement set out in section 7 of the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations* as it pertains to the passing through of video description on an analog basis. This authority is subject to its providing, upon request, a complimentary digital set-top box to its analog cable subscribers who are blind or who have a visual impairment, to enable these subscribers to access video description on a digital basis.

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

## Commission's analysis and determinations

3. In *Distribution of video description by Class 1 cable broadcasting distribution undertakings (BDUs), direct-to-home BDUs and satellite relay distribution undertakings*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2007-101, 12 September 2007, the Commission determined that it would be appropriate to relieve Class 1 cable BDUs of the requirement to pass through video description on an analog basis, provided that they offer complimentary set-top boxes to their subscribers who are blind or who have a visual impairment to enable those subscribers to access video description programming on a digital basis. Accordingly, the Commission stated that it would consider applications by Class 1 cable BDUs, either individually or through their industry associations, to be relieved, by condition of licence, of the requirement to pass through video description of services distributed on an analog basis.
4. In light of the above, the Commission **approves** the application by Quebecor Media Inc., on behalf of Videotron Ltd. and CF Cable TV Inc., to amend the licences for its cable BDUs serving various locations in Quebec, as set out in its application, by adding the following **condition of licence**:

The licensee is relieved from the requirement of section 7 of the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations* as it pertains to the passing through of video description of services distributed on an analog basis, subject to its providing, upon request, a complimentary digital set-top box to its analog cable subscribers who are blind or who have a visual impairment in order to enable these subscribers to access video description on a digital basis.

Secretary General

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