



## Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2008-11-1

See also: 2008-11

Ottawa, 22 January 2009

### Notice of consultation and hearing

**17 February 2009**

**National Capital Region**

**Canadian broadcasting in new media**

**Deadline for submission of final replies: 27 March 2009**

Further to the publication of Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2008-11, dated 15 October 2008, relating to a public hearing that will be held commencing **17 February 2009 at 9 a.m. at the Conference Centre, Phase IV, 140 Promenade du Portage, Gatineau, Quebec**, the Commission announces the following:

#### The role of community broadcasters

1. The Commission recognizes that the Canadian broadcasting system is a single system comprising public, private and community elements.
2. In Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2008-11, the Commission sought responses to the following question regarding the role of community broadcasters:

Q.18. Is there a special role for community broadcasters in the environment for broadcasting in new media? If so, are measures required? Describe any such measures and how these can be accomplished within the mandate of the Commission.

3. As stated in the Commission's [3-Year Work Plan \(2008-2011\)](#), published on 30 April 2008, the Commission expects that it will initiate policy reviews of community programming in 2008-2009 and develop and implement new community television and radio policies in 2009-2010. In this regard, the Commission intends shortly to initiate proceedings that will focus on the role of community broadcasters in the Canadian broadcasting system.
4. In light of the above, the Commission considers that the issues raised in Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2008-11 regarding the special role of community broadcasters in the environment for broadcasting in new media would be better addressed in its upcoming review of community programming. As such, the Commission will not consider the special role of community broadcasters in this proceeding.

#### Procedure

5. Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2008-11 did not provide for a right to submit written replies to the written and oral submissions of other parties. Some of the parties to this proceeding have requested that the Commission provide for a right to submit replies.

6. The Commission considers that the ability to reply to the written and/or oral submissions of other parties would be beneficial given the important issues raised in this proceeding. Accordingly, the Commission invites parties to provide final replies to matters raised in the initial written and/or oral submissions to the Commission by **27 March 2009**. Final replies should be no longer than 10 pages. The receipt of these replies will close the record of the proceeding.

Secretary General

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