



Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2008-94

Ottawa, 20 October 2008

Notice of consultation

Applications received

Various locations

Deadline for submission of interventions/comments: 24 November 2008

The Commission has received the following applications:

[\[Broadcasting intervention/comments form\]](#)

Item Applicant and Locality

1. **Quebecor Media inc. on behalf of TVA Groupe Inc.**
Montréal, Quebec
Application No. 2008-0565-8
2. **Quebecor Media Inc. on behalf of Sun TV Company Inc.**
Toronto, Ontario
Application No. 2008-0712-5
3. **Canadian Broadcasting Corporation**
Fort Fraser, British Columbia
Application No. 2008-1194-4

1. **Montréal, Quebec**
Application No. 2008-0565-8

Application by **Quebecor Media inc. on behalf of TVA Groupe Inc.** for suspension of the conditions of licence respecting cross-media ownership issues in order to comply with the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council's (CBSC) *Journalistic Independence Code*, which was approved in Broadcasting Public Notice 2008-95, 20 October 2008 (PN 2008-95).

In *Licence renewals for the French-language national television network TVA and for the French-language television programming undertaking CFTM-TV Montréal*, Decision CRTC 2001-385, 5 July 2001, the Commission imposed by condition of licence, a code of professional conduct upon the licensee. The code, outlined in Appendix V of *Transfer of effective control of TVA to Quebecor Média inc.*, Decision CRTC 2001-384, 5 July 2001, ensured the independence and separation of newsrooms of their television services and affiliated newspapers.

In these decisions, the Commission also stated that it would be prepared to consider suspending the conditions of licence, if the licensee, as a member in good standing with the CBSC, enters into an agreement with the CBSC, resulting in the licensee complying with an industry-wide code of professional conduct approved by the Commission.

As a result of PN 2008-95, the applicant proposes to suspend the following conditions of licence:

2. The licensee shall adhere to the code of professional conduct it has established, and which the Commission approved in this decision, to ensure the independence and separation of the newsrooms. Any amendment to the code must be approved by the Commission.

3. The licensee shall maintain a monitoring committee to review any complaints relating to the independence and separation of the newsrooms. Any amendment to the mandate or operation of this committee must be approved by the Commission.

Licensee's address:

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Examination of application:

At the licensee's address, and

612 St. Jacques West
 Regulatory Affairs, 15th floor
 Montréal, Quebec

2. **Toronto, Ontario**
Application No. 2008-0712-5

Application by **Quebecor Media Inc. on behalf of Sun TV Company Inc.** (Sun TV) for suspension of the conditions of licence respecting cross-media ownership issues in order to comply with the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council's (CBSC) *Journalistic Independence Code*, which was approved in Broadcasting Public Notice 2008-95, 20 October 2008.

The licensee notes that in *Transfer of effective control of Toronto One to TVA Group Inc. and Sun Media Corporation*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2004-503, 19 November 2004, when the Sun Media Corporation acquired CKXT-TV Toronto, the Commission set out and imposed a condition of licence requiring the station to abide by a *Statement of Principles and Practices* to ensure editorial independence between the Toronto Sun and Sun TV.

In this decision, the Commission also stated that it would be prepared to consider suspending the condition of licence if the licensee, as a member in good standing with the CBSC, enters into an agreement with the CBSC, resulting in Sun TV complying with an industry-wide code of professional conduct approved by the Commission.

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Examination of application:

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3. **Fort Fraser, British Columbia**
Application No. 2008-1194-4

Application by the **Canadian Broadcasting Corporation** (CBC) for the revocation of the licence of the radiocommunication distribution undertaking CBCB-TV-2 serving Fort Fraser.

The undertaking was distributing the programs of CKPG-TV Prince George, whose affiliation with CBC television ended on 31 August 2008 as a result of Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-49.

The CBC stated it will not acquire new reception equipment to continue to serve this area because the vast majority of viewers receive their television signals by cable or direct-to-home, therefore, CBC does not consider it an efficient use of scarce resources.

Licensee's address:

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Examination of application:

Municipal Office
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Fort Fraser, British Columbia

Public Participation

Deadline for Interventions/Comments

24 November 2008

The intervention must be received by the CRTC and by the applicant on or before the above-mentioned date. The Commission cannot be held responsible for postal delays.

Your intervention will be considered by the Commission, and will form part of the public record of the proceeding without further notification to you, provided the procedure set out below has been followed. You will be contacted only if your submission raises procedural questions.

Submit your written intervention to the Secretary General of the Commission in **only one** of the following formats:

by using the
[\[Broadcasting intervention/comments form\]](#)

or

by mail to
CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

or

by fax at
819-994-0218

A true copy must be sent to the applicant and proof that this has been done must accompany the intervention sent to the Commission.

The Commission advises those who file and serve by electronic mode to exercise caution when using e-mail for service of documents or notification, as it may be difficult to establish that service has occurred.

Before initiating service through electronic mode, please ensure that you will be able to satisfy the Commission, upon request, that service of the notification was completed.

Where the intervention is filed by electronic means, the line *****End of document***** should be entered following the last paragraph of the document, as an indication that the document has not been damaged during electronic transmission.

Each paragraph of the document should be numbered.

Your intervention should clearly identify the application and indicate whether you support or oppose the application, or if you propose changes to it, include the facts and grounds for your proposal.

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Examination of Documents

An electronic version of applications is available from the Commission's Web site by selecting the application number within this notice.

A list of all interventions/comments will also be available on the Commission's Web site. An electronic version of all interventions/comments submitted will be accessible from this list. To access the list, select "Lists of interventions/comments" under "Public Proceedings" from the Commission's Web site.

Documents are also available during normal office hours at the local address provided in this notice and at the Commission offices and documentation centres directly involved with these applications or, upon request, within 2 working days, at any other CRTC offices and documentation centres.

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