



Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2010-142

Ottawa, 11 March 2010

Call for comments on the proposed addition of Aastha Bhajan to the lists of eligible satellite services for distribution on a digital basis

1. The Commission received a request dated 24 November 2009 from Vision TV: Canada's Faith Network/Réseau Religieux Canadien (Vision TV) for the addition of Aastha Bhajan, a non-Canadian, Hindi-language satellite service originating in India, to the lists of eligible satellite services for distribution on a digital basis (the digital lists).
2. Vision TV described Aastha Bhajan as a niche television service dedicated to devotional music programming that honours and perpetuates the unique Indian musical tradition of bhajans.
3. In *Improving the diversity of third-language television services – A revised approach to assessing requests to add non-Canadian third-language television services to the lists of eligible satellite services for distribution on a digital basis*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2004-96, 16 December 2004, the Commission stated that, going forward, requests to add non-Canadian, third-language general interest services to the digital lists would generally be approved, subject, as appropriate, to new distribution and linkage requirements. In the case of non-Canadian, third-language services that provide narrowly targeted or “niche” programming, the Commission stated that it would continue to apply a case-by-case assessment to determine whether the service is partially or totally competitive with Canadian pay or specialty services.
4. The Commission will rely primarily on the comments filed to identify the Canadian pay and specialty services with which Aastha Bhajan might be totally or partially competitive and which therefore should be included in the assessment of the competitiveness of the service. Parties wishing to argue that Aastha Bhajan would be competitive should therefore name the specific Canadian pay or specialty services with which they consider the service would compete and provide details to support their views, such as comparisons as to nature and genre of service, programming schedules, programming sources and supply, and target audience.

Call for comments

5. The Commission calls for comments on Vision TV's request for the addition of Aastha Bhajan to the digital lists. Parties submitting comments on the request should also submit a true copy of their comments to the Canadian sponsor, Vision TV, at the following address:

Vision TV
Liberty Market Building
171 East Liberty Street, Suite 230
Toronto, Ontario
M6K 3P6

E-mail: broberts@s-vox.com
Fax : 416-368-9774

6. Proof that comments have been sent to Vision TV must accompany the original version of the comments sent to the Commission.
7. Comments on Vision TV's request must be received by the Commission no later than **12 April 2010**. A copy of the comments must be received by Vision TV no later than the deadline for receipt of comments by the Commission.
8. Vision TV may file a written reply to any comments received concerning its request. This reply should be filed with the Commission, and a copy sent to the person who submitted the comments, by no later than **26 April 2010**.
9. The Commission will not formally acknowledge comments. It will, however, fully consider all comments and they will form part of the public record of the proceeding, provided that the procedures for filing set out below have been followed.

Procedures for filing comments

10. Interested parties can file their comments to the Secretary General of the Commission:
 - by using the
Broadcasting Intervention/Comments Form
 - OR
 - by mail to
CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2
 - OR
 - by fax at
819-994-0218
11. Submissions longer than five pages should include a summary.
12. Please number each paragraph of your submission. In addition, please enter the line *****End of document***** following the last paragraph. This will help the Commission verify that the document has not been damaged during transmission.

Important notice

13. Note that all information that you provide as part of this public process, except information granted confidentiality, whether sent by postal mail, facsimile, e-mail or through the Commission's Website at www.crtc.gc.ca, becomes part of a publicly accessible file and will be posted on the Commission's website. This information includes your personal information, such as your full name, e-mail address, postal/street address, telephone and facsimile number(s), and any other personal information you provide.
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16. Please note that the information you provide to the Commission as part of this public process is entered into an unsearchable database dedicated to this specific public process. This database is accessible only from the webpage of this particular public process. As a result, a general search of our website with the help of either our own search engine or a third-party search engine will not provide access to the information which was provided as part of this public process.
17. The Commission encourages interested parties to monitor the public examination file and the Commission's website for additional information that they may find useful when preparing their comments.

Examination of documents

18. A list of all comments will also be available on the Commission's website. An electronic version of all comments submitted will be accessible from this list. To access the list, select "Lists of interventions/comments" under "Public Proceedings" from the Commission's website.
19. The public may examine public comments and related documents at the following Commission offices during normal business hours.

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