



Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2011-695

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Additional reference: 2011-398

Ottawa, 9 November 2011

Call for comments regarding an application by Corus Entertainment Inc., on behalf of CKIK-FM Limited, to amend the broadcasting licence for CHQR Calgary in order to add an FM rebroadcasting transmitter in Calgary

The Commission calls for written comments on whether the addition of an FM rebroadcasting transmitter to the broadcasting licence of the AM radio station CHQR Calgary within its existing contours constitutes the presence of an FM station in the Calgary market, and, if so, whether the Commission should consider granting an exception to its Common Ownership Policy and maintain the consideration of the application by Corus Entertainment Inc. (Corus), on behalf of CKIK-FM Limited, as part of the Calgary public hearing announced in Notice of hearing, Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2011-694, 9 November 2011

*The deadline for submitting comments in regard to the proposal and related documents is **9 December 2011**. Corus may file a reply to the comments by **19 December 2011**.*

Background

1. In response to Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2011-398, the Commission received an application by Corus Entertainment Inc. (Corus), on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary CKIK-FM Limited, to amend the broadcasting licence for its AM radio station CHQR Calgary in order to add an FM rebroadcasting transmitter in Calgary. The new transmitter would operate at 106.9 MHz (channel 295A) with an effective radiated power of 1,000 watts.
2. The Commission notes that Corus currently owns two FM radio stations in Calgary, CFGQ-FM (through CKIK-FM Limited) and CKRY-FM (through Corus Radio Company). There are currently 17 commercial radio stations operating in the Calgary market.
3. According to the Commission's Common Ownership Policy, confirmed in Broadcasting Public Notice 2008-4, in markets with eight commercial stations or more operating in a given language, a person may be permitted to own or control as many as two AM and two FM stations in that language.
4. Corus submitted that the addition of an FM rebroadcasting transmitter to the broadcasting licence for CHQR does not represent a new service as the new transmitter would simply rebroadcast the programming of CHQR within its existing

contours. Corus expressed the view that it would continue to operate three stations in the Calgary market, one AM and two FM stations, and would therefore be fully compliant the Commission's Common Ownership Policy.

5. Corus added that, if the Commission were to consider that the addition of this FM transmitter to the broadcasting licence for its AM station constitutes a third FM presence in the market, it requests that the Commission grant an exception to its Common Ownership Policy in light of the unique circumstances associated with its application.

Call for comments

6. The Commission invites written comments that address the issues raised by this application from Corus, namely, whether the addition of an FM rebroadcasting transmitter to the broadcasting licence for the AM radio station CHQR within its existing contours constitutes the presence of an FM station in the Calgary market, and, if so, whether the Commission should consider granting an exception to its Common Ownership Policy and maintain the consideration of Corus's application as part of the Calgary public hearing announced in Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2011-694, also issued today.
7. Interested persons may consult Corus's application (2011-1347-2) and related documents, listed as item 11 in Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2011-694.

Procedure

8. The new *Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure*, SOR/2010-277 (the Rules of Procedure), set out, among other things, the rules for content, format, filing and service of interventions, the procedure for filing confidential information and requesting its disclosure, and the conduct of the public hearing. Accordingly, the procedure set out below must be read in conjunction with the Rules of Procedure and its accompanying documents, which can be found on the Commission's website under "CRTC Rules of Practice and Procedure."
9. The Commission invites interventions that address the issues and questions set out above. The deadline for filing interventions is **9 December 2011**. Corus may file a reply on or before **19 December 2011**, copying those interveners to whom it is replying. The Commission notes that the interventions received, as well as any reply from Corus, will be considered within the context of the public hearing announced in Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2011-694.
10. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, a document must be filed with, not merely sent to, the Commission by 5 p.m. Vancouver time (8 p.m. Ottawa time) on the date it is due. The Commission takes no responsibility for postal delays and will not notify a party whose submission is received after the deadline date. Late submissions will not be considered by the Commission and will not be made part of the public file.

11. Submissions must be filed by sending them to the Secretary General of the Commission by **only one** of the following means:

by using the
[\[Intervention/comment/answer form\]](#)

or

by mail to
CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

or

by fax at
819-994-0218

12. Submissions longer than five pages should include a summary.
13. Each paragraph of the submission should be numbered. In addition, 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 altered during electronic transmission.

Important notice

14. All information that parties provide as part of this public process, except information designated confidential, 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 personal information, such as full names, e-mail addresses, postal/street addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers, and any other personal information parties provide.
15. The personal information that parties provide will be used and may be disclosed for the purpose for which the information was obtained or compiled by the Commission, or for a use consistent with that purpose.
16. Documents received electronically or otherwise will be put on the Commission's website in their entirety exactly as received, including any personal information contained therein, in the official language and format in which they are received. Documents not received electronically will be available in PDF format.
17. The information that parties 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 web page of this particular public process. As a result, a general search of the Commission's website with the help of either its own search engine or a third-party search engine will not provide access to the information that was provided as part of this public process.

18. The Commission encourages parties and interested persons to monitor the record of the proceeding, available on the Commission's website, for additional information that they may find useful when preparing their submissions.

Examination of documents

19. A list of all interventions will also be available on the Commission's website. The list is accessible by selecting "View all proceedings open for comment" from the "Public Proceedings" section of the Commission's website and clicking on the "Interventions/Answers" link associated with this notice.

20. The public may examine public interventions and related documents at the following Commission offices during normal business hours.

Location of Commission offices

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Secretary General

Related documents

- *Notice of hearing*, Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2011-694, 9 November 2011
- *Call for applications – Radio stations to serve Calgary, Alberta*, Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2011-398, 30 June 2011
- *Diversity of voices – Regulatory policy*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2008-4, 15 January 2008