



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2011-706

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Northwoods Broadcasting Limited
Fort Frances and Atikokan, Ontario

Application 2011-1192-1

CFOB-FM Fort Frances – Conversion of transmitter CFOB-1 Atikokan to the FM band

1. The Commission **approves** the application by Northwoods Broadcasting Limited to amend the broadcasting licence for the English-language commercial radio programming undertaking CFOB-FM Fort Frances in order to operate an FM transmitter in Atikokan to replace its transmitter CFOB-1. The Commission did not receive any interventions concerning this application.
2. The new transmitter will operate on frequency 95.9 MHz (channel 240LP) with an effective radiated power of 50 watts and an effective height of antenna above average terrain of 15 metres.
3. The licensee stated that its AM transmitter was nearing the end of its life and that it would like to replace it with an FM transmitter, which would reduce maintenance and operating costs while providing a significant improvement in service and signal quality to Atikokan residents.
4. Upon commencement of operations of the new FM transmitter, the licensee will cease operation of its AM transmitter CFOB-1.
5. The Department of Industry (the Department) has advised the Commission that while this application is conditionally technically acceptable, it will only issue a broadcasting certificate when it has determined that the proposed technical parameters will not create any unacceptable interference with aeronautical NAV/COM services.
6. The Commission reminds the licensee that pursuant to section 22(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*, this authority will only be effective when the Department notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued.

7. Given that the technical parameters approved in this decision are for a low-power unprotected FM service, the Commission also reminds the licensee that it will have to select another frequency if the Department so requires.
8. The transmitter must be operational at the earliest possible date and in any event no later than 24 months from the date of this decision, unless a request for an extension of time is approved by the Commission before 15 November 2013. In order to ensure that such a request is processed in a timely manner, it should be submitted in writing at least 60 days before that date.

**This decision is to be appended to the licence.*