



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2012-70

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GlassBOX Television Inc.
Across Canada

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Public hearing in the National Capital Region
21 November 2011

GlassBOX Système – Specialty Category B service

*The Commission **approves** an application for a broadcasting licence to operate a specialty Category B service.*

The application

1. GlassBOX Television Inc. filed an application for a broadcasting licence to operate GlassBOX Système, a national, French-language specialty Category B service that would feature programming devoted to entertainment news, the entertainment industry and humour. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.
2. GlassBOX Television Inc. is controlled by Michael McMillan through his control of Blue Ant Media Inc., the majority shareholder in GlassBOX Television Inc.
3. The applicant proposed to draw programming from the following program categories set out in Item 6 of Schedule I to the *Specialty Services Regulations, 1990*, as amended from time to time: 1, 2(a), 2(b), 3, 4, 5(a), 5(b), 6(a), 6(b), 7(a), 7(b), 7(c), 7(d), 7(e), 7(f), 7(g), 8(a), 8(b), 8(c), 9, 10, 11(a), 11(b), 12, 13 and 14.
4. The applicant stated that the proposed nature of service for GlassBOX Système is essentially the same as that for the French-language service Star Système, approved by the Commission in Broadcasting Decision 2010-753.
5. The applicant indicated that it would accept a condition of licence whereby no more than 10% of all programming broadcast in each broadcast month would be drawn from each of program categories 2(b), 6(a), 7(c), 7(d) and 7(e), as well as from program categories 8(b) and 8(c) combined.

Commission's decision

6. The Commission is satisfied that the application complies with all applicable policies, terms and conditions, including those set out in Public Notice 2000-6, Broadcasting Public Notice 2008-100, and Broadcasting Regulatory Policies 2010-786 and 2010-786-1. Accordingly, the Commission **approves** the application by GlassBOX Television Inc. for a broadcasting licence to operate the national, French-language specialty Category B service GlassBOX Système. The terms and **conditions of licence** are set out in the appendix to this decision.

Reminder

7. The Commission reminds the applicant that distribution of this service is subject to the requirements set out in the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations*.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Standard conditions of licence, expectations and encouragements for Category B pay and specialty services – Corrected Appendices 1 and 2*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2010-786-1, 18 July 2011
- *Standard conditions of licence, expectations and encouragements for Category B pay and specialty services*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2010-786, 25 October 2010
- *Star système – Category 2 specialty service*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2010-753, 13 October 2010.
- *Regulatory frameworks for broadcasting distribution undertakings and discretionary programming services – Regulatory policy*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2008-100, 30 October 2008
- *Licensing framework policy for new digital pay and specialty services*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-6, 13 January 2000

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

Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2012-70

Terms and conditions of licence for the specialty Category B service GlassBOX Système

Terms

A licence will be issued once the applicant has satisfied the Commission with supporting documentation that the following requirements have been met:

- the applicant has entered into a distribution agreement with at least one licensed distributor; and
- the applicant has informed the Commission in writing that it is prepared to commence operations and has provided the Commission with a launch date for the service. The undertaking must be operational at the earliest possible date and in any event no later than 48 months from the date of this decision.

The licence will expire 31 August 2018.

Conditions of licence

1. The licence will be subject to the conditions set out in *Standard conditions of licence, expectations and encouragements for Category B pay and specialty services – Corrected Appendices 1 and 2*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2010-786-1, 18 July 2011.
2. The licensee shall provide a national, French-language specialty Category B service devoted to entertainment news, the entertainment industry and humour.
3. The programming shall be drawn exclusively from the following program categories set out in Item 6 of Schedule I to the *Specialty Services Regulations, 1990*, as amended from time to time:
 - 1 News
 - 2 (a) Analysis and interpretation
(b) Long-form documentary
 - 3 Reporting and actualities
 - 4 Religion
 - 5 (a) Formal education and pre-school
(b) Informal education/Recreation and leisure
 - 6 (a) Professional sports
(b) Amateur sports
 - 7 Drama and comedy
 - (a) Ongoing dramatic series
 - (b) Ongoing comedy series (sitcoms)
 - (c) Specials, mini-series or made-for-TV feature films
 - (d) Theatrical feature films aired on TV
 - (e) Animated television programs and films

- (f) Programs of comedy sketches, improvisation, unscripted works, stand-up comedy
 - (g) Other drama
 - 8 (a) Music and dance other than music video programs or clips
 - (b) Music video clips
 - (c) Music video programs
 - 9 Variety
 - 10 Game shows
 - 11 (a) General entertainment and human interest
 - (b) Reality television
 - 12 Interstitials
 - 13 Public service announcements
 - 14 Infomercials, promotional and corporate videos
4. The licensee shall devote no more than 10% of all programming broadcast in each broadcast month to programming drawn from each of program categories 2(b), 6(a), 7(c), 7(d) and 7(e), as well as from program categories 8(b) and 8(c) combined.
5. The service approved hereby is designated as a Category B service.

For the purposes of the conditions of this licence, including condition of licence 1, “broadcast day” means the period of up to 18 consecutive hours, beginning each day not earlier than six o’clock in the morning and ending no later than one o’clock in the morning of the following day, as selected by the licensee, or any other period approved by the Commission.