



## Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2014-363

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**3924181 Canada Inc.**  
Across Canada

*Application 2014-0169-5*

### ABC Spark – Licence amendment

1. The Commission **approves** the application by Corus Entertainment Inc., on behalf of 3924181 Canada Inc., to amend the broadcasting licence for the national, English-language specialty Category B service ABC Spark in order to allow the service to draw programming from the following program categories: 5(b) Informal education/Recreation and leisure; 7(e) Animated television programs and films; and 7(f) Programs of comedy sketches, improvisation, unscripted works, stand-up comedy. The Commission also **approves** the licensee's proposal to limit the amount of programming that ABC Spark may draw from each of program categories 7(e) and 7(f) to 10% of the broadcast month. The Commission did not receive any interventions regarding this application.
2. The Commission notes that this application is consistent with its policy on programming flexibility set out in Broadcasting Public Notice 2008-100.
3. Accordingly, the Commission replaces the current condition of licence 2(b), set out in Broadcasting Decision 2013-489, with the following **condition of licence**:

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:

- 2 (a) Analysis and interpretation  
(b) Long-form documentary
- 3 Reporting and actualities
- 5 (a) Formal education and pre-school  
(b) Informal education/Recreation and leisure
- 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
- 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. Moreover, the Commission replaces the current condition of licence 2(d), also set out in Broadcasting Decision 2013-489, with the following **condition of licence**:

The licensee shall devote not more than 10% of all programming broadcast each broadcast month to programming drawn from each of program categories 5(a), 7(e), and 7(f).

Secretary General

#### **Related documents**

- *ABC Spark – Licence amendment*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2013-489, 17 September 2013
- *Regulatory frameworks for broadcasting distribution undertakings and discretionary programming services* – Regulatory policy, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2008-100, 30 October 2008

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