



Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2016-197-2

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Notice of hearing

7 September 2016

Gatineau, Quebec

Live broadcast of the opening remarks by Jean-Pierre Blais, launch of an online discussion forum on the CRTC Facebook page and filing of final written submissions

1. The Commission announces that it will broadcast the hearing's opening remarks by its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Jean-Pierre Blais, on the CRTC Facebook page (www.facebook.com/crtceng) live beginning at 9 a.m. on 7 September 2016.
2. In addition, the Commission will launch an online discussion forum on the CRTC Facebook page to allow Canadians to participate in this proceeding and share their points of view during the hearing. Canadians may leave comments on any issues and questions relating to this proceeding in the designated section of the CRTC Facebook page. The official Facebook discussion forum will run from 9 a.m. on 7 September to 5 p.m. on 8 September 2016, the last day of the public hearing.
3. The Commission reminds interested parties that the scope of the hearing will be limited to the following issues:
 - the review of all licensees' practices relating to the small basic service and flexible packaging requirements;
 - the imposition of conditions of licence related to the Wholesale Code, the Television Service Provider Code and participation in the Commissioner for Complaints for Telecommunications Services Inc.; and
 - the renewal of those licences listed in Appendix 1 of Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2016-197.
4. The Commission will only consider comments related to these issues. Given that the Commission will focus its questioning at the hearing on licensees' practices relating to the small basic service and flexible packaging requirements and on the implementation of the requirement to distribute, on or after 1 December 2016, all discretionary services offered by the licensees both on a stand-alone basis and in packages of up to 10 programming services, the proposed topics of discussion on the online forum will reflect these issues.

5. Following the public hearing, a record of the online discussion forum from the CRTC Facebook page will be available on the Commission's website at www.crtc.gc.ca. The record of the online discussion forum will be made part of the record of this proceeding.

Final written submissions

6. The Commission will provide parties that have filed interventions to this proceeding with the opportunity to file final written submissions. Such submissions must be limited to matters raised during the online discussion forum and during the public hearing. Final submissions must not exceed five pages and must be filed by 15 September 2016 at 5 p.m. Vancouver time (8 p.m. Ottawa time).
7. Licensees may file a reply to matters raised in the final submissions. Replies must not exceed five pages and must be filed by 22 September 2016 at 5 p.m. Vancouver time (8 p.m. Ottawa time).

Secretary General