



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2018-205

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Saskatchewan Telecommunications

Province of Saskatchewan

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MaxTV – Licence renewal

*The Commission **renews** the broadcasting licence for the regional, English-language on-demand service MaxTV from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2023.*

Application

1. Saskatchewan Telecommunications (SaskTel) filed an application to renew the broadcasting licence for the regional, Saskatchewan-based, English-language on-demand service MaxTV, which expires 31 August 2018.
2. SaskTel confirmed that it would adhere to the standard requirements for on-demand services set out in the appendix to *Standard requirements for on-demand services*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2017-138, 10 May 2017 (Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2017-138).
3. In addition, the licensee proposed to retain its existing condition of licence requiring it to maintain an Independent Programming Committee.
4. The Commission received a comment from the Shaw Rocket Fund stressing the need for original Canadian content for Canada's children.

Commission's analysis and decision

5. With respect to SaskTel's request to retain its existing condition of licence relating to an Independent Programming Committee, the Commission notes that all on-demand licences are being renewed subject to the standard conditions of licence. The standard conditions do not prohibit SaskTel from providing an Independent Programming Committee. Accordingly, the Commission does not deem it necessary to retain this condition and chooses to relieve SaskTel from it.
6. In light of all the above, the Commission **renews** the broadcasting licence for the regional, Saskatchewan-based, English-language on-demand service MaxTV from 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2023. The licensee shall adhere to the standard conditions of licence, expectations and encouragements for on-demand services set out in the appendix to Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2017-138, except for expectations 11 and 12, which are replaced by the following:

In accordance with *Implementation of an employment equity policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1992-59, 1 September 1992, the Commission encourages the licensee to consider employment equity issues in its hiring practices and in all other aspects of its management of human resources.

Secretary General

This decision is to be appended to the licence.