



## Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2018-391

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### **Robert G. Hopkins**

Tagish, Yukon; Atlin, British Columbia; Carcross, Yukon; and Inuvik, Northwest Territories

*Public record for these applications: 2018-0444-3, 2018-0445-1 and 2018-0446-9*

### **CFET-FM Tagish – New transmitters in Atlin, Carcross and Inuvik**

1. The Commission **approves** the applications by Robert G. Hopkins to amend the broadcasting licence for the low-power, English-language radio programming undertaking CFET-FM Tagish, Yukon, in order to operate low-power rebroadcasting transmitters in Atlin, British Columbia, Carcross, Yukon and Inuvik, Northwest Territories. The Commission did not receive any interventions regarding these applications.
2. The transmitters in Atlin and Carcross will operate at 99.9 MHz (channel 260LP) with an effective radiated power of 25 watts (non-directional antenna with an effective height of antenna above average terrain (EHAAT) of 10 metres). The transmitter in Inuvik will operate at the same frequency and power, but with an EHAAT of 22.86 metres.
3. The licensee indicated that the applications were based on demand from listeners in these communities.
4. Pursuant to section 22(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*, this authority will only be effective when the Department of Industry (the Department) notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met and that broadcasting certificates will be issued.
5. The Department's *BPR-3: Application Procedures and Rules for FM Broadcasting Undertakings* specifies that a low-power FM rebroadcasting transmitter is considered a secondary assignment operating on an unprotected channel. Should an FM station or transmitter with protected status be granted a frequency that is incompatible with that used by a low-power transmitter considered in this decision, the licensee may need to cease operations or file an application to change that low-power transmitter's frequency and/or technical parameters.

6. The transmitters must be in operation by no later than 4 October 2020. To request an extension, the licensee must submit a written request to the Commission at least 60 days before that date, using the form available on the Commission's website.
7. The Commission reminds the licensee that under the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act), a broadcasting undertaking that is not exempt is required to possess a broadcasting licence. The definition of an FM station in the *Radio Regulations, 1986* includes an exception to this requirement in the case of a transmitter that only rebroadcasts the radiocommunications of a licensee. Therefore, pursuant to the Act, if the applicant intends to provide local programming to the communities of Atlin, Carcross or Inuvik on its new transmitters in addition to programming originating from CFET-FM Tagish, the licensee will be required to apply for separate broadcasting licences for the undertakings to serve those communities.

Secretary General

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