



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2019-149

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Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
Inuvik and Aklavik, Northwest Territories

Public record for this application: 2019-0176-0

CHAK Inuvik – New transmitter in Aklavik

1. The Commission **approves** the application by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) to amend the broadcasting licence for the English-language AM radio programming undertaking CHAK Inuvik, Northwest Territories in order to operate a low-power FM transmitter in Aklavik to rebroadcast the programming of CHAK. The Commission did not receive any interventions regarding this application.
2. According to the CBC, in order to ensure continued service to an underserved remote northern community following an unforeseen failing of CHAK's low-power AM rebroadcasting transmitter CBAK Aklavik, it needs to replace the low-power AM transmitter with a low-power FM transmitter. The licensee stated that the new transmitter, which will operate under the call sign CBAK-FM Aklavik, will also improve the quality of the Radio One signal to residents of Aklavik.
3. The new transmitter will operate at 97.7 MHz (channel 249LP) with an effective radiated power of 50 watts (non-directional antenna with an effective height of antenna above average terrain of 7.7 metres). It will operate from the current transmitter site for CBAK.
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 a broadcasting certificate 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 the low-power transmitter considered in this decision, the licensee may need to cease the operation of that low-power transmitter or file an application to change its frequency and/or technical parameters.
6. The transmitter must be in operation by no later than **14 May 2021**. 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.

Secretary General

This decision is to be appended to the licence.