



## Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2019-51

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### **Call for comments on a proposed amendment to the *General authorizations for broadcasting distribution undertakings* to authorize the distribution of CTV Two Alberta as part of the basic service in Alberta**

*The Commission calls for comments on an amendment to the general authorizations applicable to terrestrial and direct-to-home broadcasting distribution undertakings to authorize CTV Two Alberta to be included as part of the basic service offered to subscribers in Alberta, as an exception to sections 16.1 and 45.1 of the Broadcasting Distribution Regulations.*

*The deadline for the submission of comments is 25 March 2019.*

#### **Introduction**

1. In Broadcasting Decision 2017-149, the Commission approved Bell Media Inc.'s request to continue to allow CTV Two Alberta to be offered on the basic service in Alberta and announced that it would issue a notice of consultation calling for comments on amendments to the general authorizations applicable to terrestrial and direct-to-home broadcasting distribution undertakings (BDUs) in order to permit BDUs to include CTV Two Alberta as part of the basic service.
2. Sections 16.1 and 45.1 of the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations* (the Regulations) limit the content of the basic service that BDUs can distribute to specified local television stations and certain other services. BDUs would require an exception to the Regulations to distribute the satellite-to-cable service CTV Two Alberta as part of their basic service in Alberta.
3. Therefore, the Commission proposes to add the following to the *General authorizations for broadcasting distribution undertakings* (the latest version of which is published in Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2018-271):
  8. As an exception to sections 16.1 and 45.1 of the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations*, the licensee may distribute CTV Two Alberta as part of the basic service offered to subscribers located in Alberta.

## Call for comments

4. In light of the above, the Commission calls for comments on the appropriateness of the amendment proposed above and on the proposed wording. Comments should be limited to the addition of CTV Two Alberta only. The Commission will accept interventions that it receives on or before **25 March 2019**.

## Procedure

5. The *Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure* (the Rules of Procedure) apply to the present proceeding. The Rules of Procedure set out, among other things, the rules for content, format, filing and service of interventions, answers, replies and requests for information; the procedure for filing confidential information and requesting its disclosure; and the conduct of public hearings. Accordingly, the procedure set out below must be read in conjunction with the Rules of Procedure and related documents, which can be found on the Commission's website under "[Statutes and Regulations](#)." The guidelines set out in Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin 2010-959 provide information to help interested persons and parties understand the Rules of Procedure so that they can more effectively participate in Commission proceedings.
6. The Commission encourages interested persons and parties to monitor the record of the proceeding, available on the Commission's website, for additional information that they may find useful when preparing their submissions.
7. Submissions longer than five pages should include a summary. Each paragraph of all submissions should be numbered, and the line **\*\*\*End of document\*\*\*** should follow the last paragraph. This will help the Commission verify that the document has not been damaged during electronic transmission.
8. Pursuant to Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin 2015-242, the Commission expects incorporated entities and associations, and encourages all Canadians, to file submissions for Commission proceedings in accessible formats (for example, text-based file formats that allow text to be enlarged or modified, or read by screen readers). To provide assistance in this regard, the Commission has posted on its website [guidelines](#) for preparing documents in accessible formats.
9. Submissions must be filed by sending them to the Secretary General of the Commission using **only one** of the following means:

**by completing the**  
[\[Intervention/comment/answer form\]](#)

or

**by mail to**  
CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

or

**by fax at**  
819-994-0218

10. Parties who send documents electronically must ensure that they will be able to prove, upon Commission request, that filing, or where required, service of a particular document was completed. Accordingly, parties must keep proof of the sending and receipt of each document for 180 days after the date on which the document is filed or served. The Commission advises parties who file or serve documents by electronic means to exercise caution when using email for the service of documents, as it may be difficult to establish that service has occurred.
11. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, a document must be received by the Commission and all relevant parties by 5 p.m. Vancouver time (8 p.m. Ottawa time) on the date it is due. Parties are responsible for ensuring the timely delivery of their submissions and will not be notified if their submissions are received after the deadline. Late submissions, including those due to postal delays, will not be considered by the Commission and will not be made part of the public record.
12. The Commission will not formally acknowledge submissions. It will, however, fully consider all submissions, which will form part of the public record of the proceeding, provided that the procedure for filing set out above has been followed.

### **Important notice**

13. All information that parties provide as part of this public process, except information designated confidential, whether sent by postal mail, fax, email or through the Commission's website at [www.crtc.gc.ca](http://www.crtc.gc.ca), becomes part of a publicly accessible file and will be posted on the Commission's website. This information includes personal information, such as full names, email addresses, postal/street addresses, telephone and fax numbers, etc.
14. The personal information that parties provide will be used and may be disclosed for the purpose for which the information was obtained or compiled by the Commission, or for a use consistent with that purpose.
15. Documents received electronically or otherwise will be put on the Commission's website in their entirety exactly as received, including any personal information contained therein, in the official language and format in which they are received. Documents not received electronically will be available in PDF format.
16. The information that parties provide to the Commission as part of this public process is entered into an unsearchable database dedicated to this specific public process. This database is accessible only from the web page of this particular public process. As a result, a general search of the Commission's website with the help of either its own search engine or a third-party search engine will not provide access to the information that was provided as part of this public process.

## Availability of documents

17. Electronic versions of the interventions and of other documents referred to in this notice are available on the Commission's website at [www.crtc.gc.ca](http://www.crtc.gc.ca) by visiting the "Have your say!" section, then selecting "our open processes." Documents can then be accessed by clicking on the links in the "Subject" and "Related Documents" columns associated with this particular notice.
18. Documents are also available at the following address, upon request, during normal business hours.

Les Terrasses de la Chaudière  
Central Building  
1 Promenade du Portage, Room 206  
Gatineau, Quebec  
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Tel.: 819-997-2429  
Fax: 819-994-0218

Toll-free telephone: 1-877-249-2782  
Toll-free TTY: 1-877-909-2782

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## Related documents

- *General authorizations for broadcasting distribution undertakings*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2018-271, 2 August 2018
- *Bell Media Inc. – Licence renewals for English-language television stations and services*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2017-149, 15 May 2017
- *Filing submissions for Commission proceedings in accessible formats*, Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2015-242, 8 June 2015
- *Guidelines on the CRTC Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2010-959, 23 December 2010
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