



Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2023-138-1

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Notice of hearing

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Gatineau, Quebec

The Path Forward – Working towards a modernized regulatory framework regarding contributions to support Canadian and Indigenous content – Extension to the deadlines for the submission of interventions and of replies

New deadline for submission of interventions: 11 July 2023

New deadline for the submission of replies: 26 July 2023

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1. Further to Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2023-138 (the Notice), the Commission has received a procedural request from several co-applicants in regard to the proceeding initiated by the Notice.¹
2. Specifically, on 19 May 2023 a request was filed by 12 co-applicants² for an extension of the filing deadlines currently set out in the Notice. The grounds for the request are as follows:
 - the interconnectedness of the three proceedings, which, the co-applicants argue, calls for aligned intervention and reply deadlines to make it easier for parties to follow and to develop a coherent framework for all of them;

¹ That procedural request relates as well to the proceedings initiated by Broadcasting Notices of Consultation 2023-139 and 2023-140. The Commission's determinations in regard to the procedural request and those proceedings have been set out in separate Commission decisions.

² The co-applicants of the procedural request are the Canadian Broadcast Museum Foundation, Digital First Canada, the Forum for Research and Policy in Communications, FRIENDS/Les AMIS, the National Campus and Community Radio Association, OpenMedia, Public Broadcasting for the 21st Century, the Public Interest Advocacy Centre, the Samuelson-Glushko Canadian Internet Policy & Public Interest Clinic, the Quebec English-language Production Council, the Conseil provincial du secteur des communications du syndicat canadien de la fonction publique, and Unifor.

- inadequate capacity and time for the parties to consult and undertake necessary research within the current timeframe, especially in light of other Commission proceedings currently underway, thereby weakening the record of the proceedings; and
 - the absence of a policy direction from the Governor in Council, which may create overlapping deadlines and creates uncertainty as to the recommendations that parties may make and whether they may have to change course once the policy direction is issued.
3. Various parties³ provided comments in support of the procedural request.
 4. The Commission is mindful of the support received for extending the deadlines for the proceeding initiated by the Notice. Given the large number of questions and issues set out in the Notice and the wide scope of this proceeding, along with the resourcing constraints of smaller organizations that would like to participate in this proceeding, the Commission finds that extending the deadlines for the submission of interventions and of replies would be in the public interest.
 5. However, the Commission also finds that an extension shorter than that requested by the co-applicants would help to avoid any significant delays to the proceeding initiated by the Notice. In the Commission's view, a two-week extension for both the submission of interventions and the submission of replies would be appropriate.
 6. In light of the above, the Commission extends the deadline set out in the Notice for the submission of interventions to **11 July 2023** and the deadline for the submission of replies to **26 July 2023**.
 7. The Commission notes that it has no control over the timing of the publication of any finalized policy direction that may be issued by the Governor in Council. However, as the [proposed policy directions](#) were published on 8 June 2023, interested persons do have the ability to take the proposal into account when completing their interventions.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Call for comments – Review of exemption orders and transition from conditions of exemption to conditions of service for broadcasting online undertakings*, Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2023-140, 12 May 2023

³ The Information Technology Industry Council, TELUS Communications Inc., Sirius XM Canada Inc., the Documentary Organization of Canada, la Fédération culturelle canadienne-française, Digital Media Association, Bragg Communications Incorporated, carrying on business as Eastlink, the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, the Ontario Association of Broadcasters, TikTok Canada, BIPOC TV and Film, the Directors Guild of Canada, the Writers Guild of Canada, YouTube, Independent Broadcast Group, Michael Geist, and Marc Nanni.

- *Call for comments – Proposed Regulations for the Registration of Online Streaming Services and Proposed Exemption Order regarding those Regulations*, Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2023-139, 12 May 2023
- *Notice of hearing – The Path Forward – Working towards a modernized regulatory framework regarding contributions to support Canadian and Indigenous content*, Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2023-138, 12 May 2023