



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2023-410

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Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
Winnipeg, Manitoba

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CKSB-10-FM Winnipeg and its transmitter CKSB-5-FM Thompson – Technical changes

1. The Commission has the authority, pursuant to subsection 9(1) of the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act), to issue licences for the carrying on of broadcasting undertakings as well as to amend those licences.
2. Consistent with this authority, the Commission **approves** the application by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) to change the authorized contours of CKSB-5-FM Thompson, Manitoba, a rebroadcasting transmitter of the French-language radio programming undertaking CKSB-10-FM Winnipeg, which broadcasts the programming of the national network service ICI Radio-Canada Première. Specifically, the licensee proposed to increase the effective radiated power (ERP) from 86 to 88 watts, to replace the timeworn antenna with a new non-directional antenna, to decrease the effective height of the antenna above average terrain (EHAAT) from 76.5 to 65.9 metres, and to update the geographical coordinates of the transmitter. All other technical parameters will remain unchanged.
3. The Commission did not receive any interventions in regard to this application.
4. When a licensee files an application for technical changes, the Commission generally requires the licensee to present compelling technical or economic evidence justifying the requested technical changes. In this case, the CBC indicated that it wanted to replace the existing timeworn antenna with a new non-directional antenna in order to ensure continuing high-quality ICI Radio-Canada Première service to the population of Thompson and its vicinity. The Commission is satisfied that the licensee has demonstrated a technical need for the proposed technical changes.
5. Pursuant to subsection 22(1) of the Act, this authority will only be effective when the Department of Industry (also known as Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada) notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued.

6. The licensee must implement the technical changes by no later than **11 December 2025**. 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. As set out in section 16 of the *Radio Regulations, 1986* (the Regulations), licensees have obligations relating to the broadcast of emergency alert messages received from the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination System. In regard to the changes to CKSB-5-FM's authorized contours resulting from the implementation of the technical changes approved in this decision, the Commission reminds the licensee that continued compliance with section 16 of the Regulations may require that any alert broadcast decoders (e.g., ENDEC) used for the purposes of broadcasting emergency alert messages on CKSB-10-FM, or on any rebroadcasting transmitters that may appear on the broadcasting licence for that station, be reprogrammed to properly account for the new authorized contours.

Secretary General

This decision is to be appended to the licence.