



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2024-251-1 and Broadcasting Distribution Order CRTC 2024-252-1

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Nunavut Independent Television Network
Across Canada

Inuit TV Network
Across Canada

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Uvagut TV – Licensing of a national, Inuit-language discretionary service, and mandatory distribution of the service across Canada – Finalization of conditions of service and of the distribution order

Inuit TV – Licensing of a national, Inuit-language discretionary service – Finalization of conditions of service

1. In Broadcasting Decision 2024-251, the Commission approved applications by Nunavut Independent Television Network and Inuit TV Network for new broadcasting licences to operate their respective exempt discretionary services Uvagut TV and Inuit TV as national licensed discretionary services.
2. In that decision, the Commission proposed to make orders imposing various conditions of service on Nunavut Independent Television Network and Inuit TV Network (the conditions for Uvagut TV and Inuit TV are set out in Appendices 2 and 5, respectively, to Broadcasting Decision 2024-251). The Commission also proposed to make an order requiring licensed broadcasting distribution undertakings (BDU) to distribute Uvagut TV to all subscribers across Canada as part of the digital basic service. The Commission invited interested persons to make representations only on the proposed orders. The Commission did not receive any comments.
3. In light of the above, and pursuant to subsections 9.1(1) and 11.1(2) of the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act), the Commission hereby makes the **orders** imposing **conditions of service** on Nunavut Independent Television Network for the new national licensed discretionary service Uvagut TV, as set out in Appendix 2 to Broadcasting Decision 2024-251, and on Inuit TV Network for the new national

licensed discretionary service Inuit TV, as set out in Appendix 5 to that same decision.

4. Furthermore, in order to finalize the distribution order, pursuant to paragraph 9.1(1)(h) of the Act, the Commission makes the **order** requiring licensed BDUs to distribute Uvagut TV to all subscribers across Canada as part of the digital basic service.¹ The finalized order, which is unchanged from the proposed order set out in Appendix 3 to Broadcasting Decision 2024-251, is set out in the appendix to this decision.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Uvagut TV – Licensing of a national, Inuit-language discretionary service, and mandatory distribution of the service across Canada; Inuit TV – Licensing of a national, Inuit-language discretionary service*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2024-251 and Broadcasting Order CRTC 2024-252, 22 October 2024
- *Revised exemption order for terrestrial broadcasting distribution undertakings serving fewer than 20,000 subscribers*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2017-319 and Broadcasting Order CRTC 2017-320, 31 August 2017

This decision is to be appended to each licence.

¹ Pursuant to condition 15 set out in Broadcasting Order 2017-320, exempt BDUs across Canada serving more than 2,000 subscribers will also be required to distribute Uvagut TV.

Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2024-251-1

Broadcasting Distribution Order CRTC 2024-252-1

Distribution of the national discretionary service Uvagut TV by persons licensed to carry on broadcasting distribution undertakings across Canada

The Commission makes the following distribution order, requiring broadcasting distribution undertakings to distribute the national, Inuit-language discretionary service known as Uvagut TV to all subscribers across Canada as part of the digital basic service, pursuant to paragraph 9.1(1)(h) of the *Broadcasting Act*.

Distribution order

Pursuant to paragraph 9.1(1)(h) of *the Broadcasting Act*, the Commission orders licensees of broadcasting distribution undertakings to distribute the national, Inuit-language discretionary service known as Uvagut TV to all subscribers across Canada as part of the digital basic service, on the following terms and conditions:

- (a) This order applies to all licensed distribution undertakings, including terrestrial and direct-to-home (DTH) distribution undertakings. These licensees are collectively referred to in this order as distribution undertakings.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, distribution licensees shall not be required to distribute the programming service Uvagut TV pursuant to this Order unless Nunavut Independent Television Network (the licensee) or a third party:
 - (i) ensures the transmission of the service by any technological means available to the broadcasting distribution undertaking's head end or satellite uplink centre or to another location agreed upon by the broadcasting distribution undertaking and the licensee; and
 - (ii) bears the costs of the transmission to the connection point.
- (c) Each distribution licensee distributing the discretionary service shall remit to the licensee a wholesale rate of \$0.09 per subscriber per month.
- (d) This order shall take effect **20 January 2025** and will stay in effect until **31 August 2029**.

For the purposes of this Order, “basic service,” “DTH distribution undertaking,” “licensed,” “programming service” and “terrestrial distribution undertaking” shall have the same meanings as those set out in the *Broadcasting Distribution Regulations*.