



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-598

Ottawa, 16 October 2006

Bell Aliant Regional Communications Inc., general partner, as well as limited partner with Bell Canada and 6583458 Canada Inc. (the limited partners), carrying on business as Bell Aliant Regional Communications Limited Partnership

Saint-John/Moncton, New Brunswick; Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford and Sackville, Nova Scotia; St. John's, Paradise and Mount Pearl, Newfoundland and Labrador

Application 2006-0901-8

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Licence amendment to replace conditions of licence relating to the compliance with the *Direction to the CRTC (Ineligibility of Non-Canadians)*

1. The Commission **approves** the application by Bell Aliant Regional Communications Inc., general partner, as well as limited partner with Bell Canada and 6583458 Canada Inc. (the limited partners), carrying on business as Bell Aliant Regional Communications Limited Partnership (Bell Aliant), to amend the broadcasting licence of the cable broadcasting distribution undertakings serving the above-mentioned locations. Specifically, Bell Aliant requested that the Commission replace the conditions relating to the compliance with the *Direction to the CRTC (Ineligibility of Non-Canadians)* (the *Direction*), set out in *Broadcasting distribution undertakings – Acquisition of assets and change of ownership*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-276, 30 June 2006 (Decision 2006-276), which read:

- 100% of the trustees of Holdings Trust and Parent Trust and any subsidiary trusts be Canadian at all times;
- 100% of the directors of GP Co. and Wireline GP be Canadian at all times; and
- no less than 80% of the shareholders of GP Co. and its CEO be Canadian at all times

with the following conditions of licence:

- 100% of the trustees of Bell Aliant Regional Communications Income Fund and Bell Aliant Holdings Trust and any subsidiary trusts be Canadian at all times;

- no less than 80% of the directors of Bell Aliant Regional Communications Holdings Inc. and Bell Aliant Regional Communications Inc. be Canadian at all times; and
 - no less than 80% of the shareholders of Bell Aliant Regional Communications Holdings Inc. and its CEO be Canadian at all times.
2. The applicant submitted that the second amended condition of licence would satisfy the concerns identified by the Commission in Decision 2006-276, and would ensure that the Direction is complied with at all times. The applicant further submitted that this amendment would result in the corporate entities that form part of the reorganized structure being treated in the same manner as other corporate licensees under the Direction.
 3. The applicant indicated that the proposed amendments for the first and third conditions would only serve to replace defined terms with the actual name of the entity concerned.
 4. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.

Secretary General

This decision is to be appended to the licence. It is available in alternative format upon request, and may also be examined in PDF format or in HTML at the following Internet site: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca>