



Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2006-126

Ottawa, 29 September 2006

Call for comments on the proposed addition of NASA Television to the lists of eligible satellite services for distribution on a digital basis

1. The Commission received a request dated 3 August 2006 from Mountain Cablevision Limited (Mountain Cablevision) for the addition of NASA Television, a non-Canadian satellite service, to the lists of eligible satellite services for distribution on a digital basis (the digital lists). Mountain Cablevision described the service as follows:

NASA Television is an English-language, free-to-air, public television service originating from the United States featuring documentaries, archival programming, and coverage of NASA missions and events.

2. The Commission's approach to requests for the addition of non-Canadian English- and French-language services to the digital lists was set out initially in *Call for proposals to amend the lists of eligible satellite services through the inclusion of additional non-Canadian services eligible for distribution on a digital basis only*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-173, 14 December 2000 (Public Notice 2000-173). In Public Notice 2000-173, the Commission indicated that it would assess such requests in the context of its general policy which, among other things, precludes the addition of a non-Canadian satellite service that can be considered either totally or partially competitive with Canadian specialty or pay television services. In applying this policy, the Commission stated that it would take into account all specialty and pay television programming services whose licence applications had been approved by the Commission, including all of the launched and unlaunched Category 1 and Category 2 specialty and pay television services.
3. Public Notice 2000-173 also set out specific information that the Canadian sponsors must file in support of their requests.
4. The Commission will rely primarily on the comments filed in identifying the Canadian pay and specialty services with which NASA Television might compete, and which therefore should be included in its assessment of the competitiveness of the service. Parties wishing to argue that NASA Television would be competitive should therefore name the specific Canadian pay or specialty services with which they consider NASA Television would compete, and provide details, such as a programming comparison, to support their views.

Call for comments

5. The Commission calls for comments on Mountain Cablevision's request for the addition of NASA Television to the digital lists. Parties submitting comments should also submit a true copy of their comments to the Canadian sponsor, Mountain Cablevision, at the following address:

Mountain Cablevision Limited
141 Hester Street
9th Floor
Hamilton, Ontario
L9A 2N9
e-mail: patk@mountaincable.on.ca
facsimile: 905-574-6330

6. Proof that comments have been sent to the sponsor must accompany the original version of the comments sent to the Commission.
7. Comments must be received by the Commission no later than **31 October 2006**. A copy of the comments must be received by Mountain Cablevision no later than the deadline for receipt of comments by the Commission.
8. Mountain Cablevision may file a written reply to any comments received concerning its request. This reply should be filed with the Commission, and a copy sent to the person who submitted the comments, by no later than **16 November 2006**.
9. The Commission will not formally acknowledge comments. It will, however, fully consider all comments and they will form part of the public record of the proceeding, provided that the procedures for filing set out below have been followed.

Procedures for filing comments

10. Interested parties can file their comments to the Secretary General of the Commission:
 - **by using the**
Broadcasting Intervention/Comments Form
 - OR
 - **by mail to**
CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2
 - OR
 - **by fax at**
819-994-0218

11. Submissions longer than five pages should include a summary.
12. Please number each paragraph of your submission. In addition, please enter the line ***End of document*** following the last paragraph. This will help the Commission verify that the document has not been damaged during transmission.

Important notice

13. Note that all information that you provide as part of this public process, except information granted confidentiality, whether sent by postal mail, facsimile, e-mail or through the Commission's web site at www.crtc.gc.ca, becomes part of a publicly accessible file and will be posted on the Commission's web site. This information includes your personal information, such as your full name, e-mail address, postal/street address, telephone and facsimile number(s), and any other personal information you provide.
14. Documents received electronically or otherwise will be put on the Commission's web site in their entirety exactly as you send them, 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.
15. The personal information you 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.
16. The Commission encourages interested parties to monitor the public examination file and the Commission's web site for additional information that they may find useful when preparing their comments.

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