



Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2009-411-2

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Notice of hearing

29 September 2009

Gatineau, Quebec

**Policy proceeding on a group-based approach to the licensing of television services and on certain issues relating to conventional television
Extension of the deadline for comments**

Deadline for submission of interventions/comments: 17 August 2009

1. In Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2009-411, the Commission initiated a process to resolve the policy issues that must be dealt with before a group licence renewal hearing can proceed. Among these issues, as stated at paragraph 39, are what mechanism should be used for establishing a negotiated, fair value for conventional signals, and what method should be used to achieve resolution through binding arbitration, if required. The deadline for filing comments was 10 August 2009.
2. On 6 August 2009, the Commission was served by Bell Canada and related companies with a Notice of Application for judicial review and a Notice of Motion for Leave to Appeal to the Federal Court of Appeal with regard to paragraphs 37 through 39 of Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2009-411. In these documents, Bell Canada alleges that the Commission has denied it and other parties the opportunity to make submissions on the issue of whether a negotiated, free market value for local conventional signals is appropriate.
3. The Commission requires time to consider the implications of this litigation for the current proceeding. Therefore, the Commission extends the deadline for filing comments to **17 August 2009**.
4. The Commission intends to issue an amended Broadcasting Notice of Consultation, if appropriate, on or before 14 August 2009.

Secretary General

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