



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2010-643

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Shaw Communications Inc., on behalf of Shaw Cablesystems Limited and Videon Cablesystems Inc.

Various locations in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario

Application 2010-1173-3, received 23 July 2010

Various terrestrial broadcasting distribution undertakings across Canada – Licence amendments

1. The Commission **approves** the application by Shaw Communications Inc. (Shaw Communications), on behalf of Shaw Cablesystems Limited (Shaw) and Videon Cablesystems Inc. (Videon) to amend the broadcasting licences for its terrestrial broadcasting distribution undertakings (BDUs) serving various locations in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario, by extending until 30 November 2010 the authority granted by the Commission in Broadcasting Decision 2009-488 to distribute certain high definition U.S. 4+1 signals. Shaw Communications submitted this application so that the end date of the above-mentioned authority would coincide with the expiry date of the broadcasting licences for the above-noted BDUs, which were administratively renewed until 30 November 2010 in Broadcasting Decision 2010-500.¹ The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.
2. Accordingly, for the terrestrial systems serving Fort McMurray, Edmonton (Shaw), Edmonton (Videon), Red Deer, Calgary and Lethbridge, Alberta, the condition of licence in this regard shall now read as follows (amendment in bold):

Until **30 November** 2010, the licensee is authorized to distribute, on a digital discretionary basis, the signals of KIRO-TV (CBS), KING-TV (NBC) and KOMO-TV (ABC) Seattle, KCPQ (FOX) Tacoma and KCTS (PBS) Seattle, Washington, as an alternative to the set of Spokane U.S. 4+1 signals authorized for distribution as part of the basic service, provided that:

- the alternative signals are distributed only in high definition format; and

¹ The broadcasting licences for the undertakings serving locations in Ontario (i.e., Thunder Bay and Sault Ste. Marie) expire 31 August 2014 and, therefore, were not among those administratively renewed until 30 November 2010 in Broadcasting Decision 2010-500.

- the licensee distributes a maximum of two sets of U.S. 4+1 signals in high definition format.
3. For the terrestrial systems serving Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Winnipeg (Shaw) and Winnipeg (Videon), Manitoba; and Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay, Ontario, the condition of licence shall now read as follows (amendment in bold):

Until **30 November** 2010, the licensee is authorized to distribute, on a digital discretionary basis, the signals of KIRO-TV (CBS), KING-TV (NBC) and KOMO-TV (ABC) Seattle, KCPQ (FOX) Tacoma and KCTS (PBS) Seattle, Washington, as an alternative to the set of Spokane U.S. 4+1 signals distributed on a digital discretionary basis, provided that:

- the alternative signals are distributed only in high definition format; and
 - the licensee distributes a maximum of two sets of U.S. 4+1 signals in high definition format.
4. The Commission notes that proposed amendments to the conditions of licence set out above will be considered at the 20 September 2010 public hearing announced in Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2010-497.² As noted in Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2010-554, the Commission intends to review the appropriateness of these conditions of licence beyond the current expiry date of 30 November 2010 of the broadcasting licences being considered at the above-mentioned public hearing.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Notice of application received*, Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2010-554, 5 August 2010
- *Administrative renewals*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2010-500, 22 July 2010
- *Notice of hearing*, Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2010-497, 22 July 2010
- *Various cable broadcasting distribution undertakings across Canada – Licence amendments*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2009-488, 13 August 2009

**This decision is to be appended to each licence.*

² As noted in Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2010-554, the undertakings serving Thunder Bay and Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, do not form part of the licence renewals being considered at the 20 September 2010 public hearing.