



Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-359-2

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References: 2017-359 and 2017-359-1

Ottawa, 7 December 2017

Call for comments on the Governor in Council's request for a report on future programming distribution models – Second phase of comments

Deadline for second phase of comments: 31 January 2018

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1. Further to Broadcasting Notices of Consultation 2017-359 and 2017-359-1, the Commission announces that the deadline for filing comments in the second phase of this consultation is **31 January 2018**.
2. To provide additional context and help focus discussion in the second phase, the Commission is also publishing today a [reference document](#). Further, starting in January 2018, the Commission intends to conduct public opinion research to consult Canadians on the issues raised in this proceeding. The data obtained will be added to the public record as soon as possible and will be taken into account when drafting the Commission's report.
3. In order to ensure as complete a record as possible, interested parties who were not able to provide comments in the first phase will be permitted to do so as part of this second phase. Moreover, parties who have already provided comments may supplement their initial comments, as well as respond to any submission already on the record of the proceeding. Similarly, parties may file comments in response to the issues and data presented in the reference document, regardless of whether they submitted comments in the first phase of comments. Whenever possible, parties should submit empirical evidence to support their views.

Procedure

4. The *Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure* (the Rules of Procedure) apply to the present proceeding. The Rules of Procedure set out, among other things, the rules for content, format, filing and service of interventions, answers, replies and requests for information; the procedure for filing confidential information and requesting its disclosure; and the conduct of public hearings. Accordingly, the procedure set out below must be read in conjunction with the Rules of Procedure and related documents, which can be found on the Commission's website under "[Statutes and Regulations](#)." The guidelines set out in Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin 2010-959 provide information

to help interested persons and parties understand the Rules of Procedure so that they can more effectively participate in Commission proceedings.

5. The Commission encourages interested persons and parties to monitor the record of the proceeding, available on the Commission's website, for additional information that they may find useful when preparing their submissions.
6. Submissions longer than five pages should include a summary. Each paragraph of all submissions should be numbered, and the line *****End of document***** should follow the last paragraph. This will help the Commission verify that the document has not been damaged during electronic transmission.
7. Pursuant to Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin 2015-242, the Commission expects incorporated entities and associations, and encourages all Canadians, to file submissions for Commission proceedings in accessible formats (for example, text-based file formats that allow text to be enlarged or modified, or read by screen readers). To provide assistance in this regard, the Commission has posted on its website [guidelines](#) for preparing documents in accessible formats.
8. Submissions must be filed by sending them to the Secretary General of the Commission using **only one** of the following means:

by completing the
[\[Intervention/comment/answer form\]](#)

or

by mail to
CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

or

by fax at
819-994-0218

9. Parties who send documents electronically must ensure that they will be able to prove, upon Commission request, that service/filing of a particular document was completed. Accordingly, parties must keep proof of the sending and receipt of each document for 180 days after the date on which the document is filed. The Commission advises parties who file and serve documents by electronic means to exercise caution when using email for the service of documents, as it may be difficult to establish that service has occurred.
10. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, a document must be received by the Commission and all relevant parties by 5 p.m. Vancouver time (8 p.m. Ottawa time) on the date it is due. Parties are responsible for ensuring the timely delivery of their submissions and will not be notified if their submissions are received after the

deadline. Late submissions, including those due to postal delays, will not be considered by the Commission and will not be made part of the public record.

11. The Commission will not formally acknowledge submissions. It will, however, fully consider all submissions, which will form part of the public record of the proceeding, provided that the procedure for filing set out above has been followed.

Important notice

12. All information that parties provide as part of this public process, except information designated confidential, whether sent by postal mail, facsimile, email or through the Commission's website at www.crtc.gc.ca, becomes part of a publicly accessible file and will be posted on the Commission's website. This information includes personal information, such as full names, email addresses, postal/street addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers, etc.
13. The personal information that parties 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.
14. Documents received electronically or otherwise will be put on the Commission's website in their entirety exactly as received, 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 information that parties provide to the Commission as part of this public process is entered into an unsearchable database dedicated to this specific public process. This database is accessible only from the web page of this particular public process. As a result, a general search of the Commission's website with the help of either its own search engine or a third-party search engine will not provide access to the information that was provided as part of this public process.

Availability of documents

16. Electronic versions of the interventions and of other documents referred to in this notice, are available on the Commission's website at www.crtc.gc.ca by visiting the "Participate" section, selecting "Submit Ideas and Comments," and then selecting "our open processes." Documents can then be accessed by clicking on the links in the "Subject" and "Related Documents" columns associated with this particular notice.
17. Documents are also available at the following address, upon request, during normal business hours.

Les Terrasses de la Chaudière
Central Building
1 Promenade du Portage, Room 206
Gatineau, Quebec
J8X 4B1

Tel.: 819-997-2429

Fax: 819-994-0218

Toll-free telephone: 1-877-249-2782

Toll-free TDD: 1-877-909-2782

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Call for comments on the Governor in Council's request for a report on future programming distribution models*, Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-359, 12 October 2017
- *Call for comments on the Governor in Council's request for a report on future programming distribution models – Extension to the deadline to file comments*, Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-359-1, 26 October 2017
- *Filing submissions for Commission proceedings in accessible formats*, Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2015-242, 8 June 2015
- *Guidelines on the CRTC Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2010-959, 23 December 2010