



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2021-119

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Across Canada

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Addition of ANC to the *List of non-Canadian programming services and stations authorized for distribution*

1. The Commission **approves** an application by Carol Anne O'Brien, Barrister & Solicitor, acting as the Canadian sponsor, to add the non-Canadian service ANC to the *List of non-Canadian programming services and stations authorized for distribution* (the list). The Commission did not receive any interventions regarding this application. The revised [list](#) can be found on the Commission's website at www.crtc.gc.ca and may be obtained in hard copy on request.
2. The applicant described ANC as a 24-hour, English-language news service providing programming of interest to overseas Filipinos and viewers with an interest in the Philippines.
3. As set out in *Regulatory frameworks for broadcasting distribution undertakings and discretionary programming services – Regulatory policy*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2008-100, 30 October 2008, the Commission has adopted an open-entry approach to the addition of non-Canadian news services to the list, which is consistent with the importance it places on a diversity of editorial points of view. Accordingly, absent clear evidence, as determined by the Commission, that a non-Canadian news service will violate Canadian regulations, such as those regarding abusive comment, the Commission will be predisposed to authorize non-Canadian news services for distribution in Canada.

Secretary General