



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-317

Ottawa, 26 July 2006

Bedford Baptist Church
Bedford, Nova Scotia

Application 2005-0645-4
Public Hearing at Québec, Quebec
20 March 2006

Low-power religious FM radio station in Bedford

1. The Commission **approves** the application by Bedford Baptist Church for a broadcasting licence to operate a low-power English-language, FM radio programming undertaking to provide religious programming in Bedford, Nova Scotia. The station will operate at 89.1 MHz (channel 206LP) with an effective radiated power of 50 watts.
2. The station will broadcast 40 hours of programming in each broadcast week. The programming will consist of religious services from the Bedford Baptist Church including hymns, prayer, scripture, sermons, children stories, musical guests as well as other elements of worship services. The station will not broadcast commercial messages.
3. The applicant confirmed that the station will offer balance programs in accordance with the guidelines set out in *Religious Broadcasting Policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1993-78, 3 June 1993. In that policy, the Commission stated that stations that broadcast religious programming have an obligation to offer differing views on matters of general public concern, including religious matters.
4. As part of its plans for balance programming, the applicant stated that it will provide access to air time to members of other denominations to reflect their positions and that, on a demand basis, a guest speaker will discuss both community and world news from a faith perspective. The applicant indicated its willingness to accept a condition of licence requiring that it devote a minimum of 5% and up to a maximum of 10% of the programming broadcast in each broadcast week to balance programs, which may include programs of non-classical religious music reflecting a variety of faiths. A **condition of licence** to that effect is set out in the appendix to this decision.
5. The Commission received an intervention in support of this application.
6. The licence will expire 31 August 2012 and will be subject to the **conditions** set out in the appendix to this decision.

7. The Department of Industry (the Department) has advised the Commission that, while this application is conditionally technically acceptable, it will only issue a broadcasting certificate when it has determined that the proposed technical parameters will not create any unacceptable interference with aeronautical NAV/COM services.
8. The Commission reminds the applicant that, pursuant to section 22(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*, no licence may be issued until the Department notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met, and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued.
9. Given that the technical parameters approved in this decision are for a low-power unprotected FM service, the Commission also reminds the applicant that it will have to select another frequency if the Department so requires.
10. Furthermore, the licence for this undertaking will be issued once the applicant has informed the Commission in writing that it is prepared to commence operations. The undertaking must be operational at the earliest possible date and in any event no later than 24 months from the date of this decision, unless a request for an extension of time is approved by the Commission before 26 July 2008. In order to ensure that such a request is processed in a timely manner, it should be submitted at least 60 days before that date.

Secretary General

This decision is to be appended to the licence. It is available in alternative format upon request, and may also be examined in PDF format or in HTML at the following Internet site: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca>

Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-317

Conditions of licence

1. The licensee shall broadcast programming consisting solely of religious services, with the exception of programs or program segments produced or acquired by it for the purpose of ensuring balance on matters of public concern. Such programs or program segments shall also comply with guidelines (i) to (iv) contained in section III.B.2a) of *Religious Broadcasting Policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1993-78, 3 June 1993 (Public Notice 1993-78), as amended from time to time.
2. The licensee shall adhere to the guidelines on ethics for religious programming set out in section IV of Public Notice 1993-78, as amended from time to time.
3. The licensee shall devote a minimum of 5% and up to a maximum of 10% of the programming broadcast in each broadcast week to balance programs, which may include programs of non-classical religious music reflecting a variety of faiths.
4. The licensee shall not solicit or broadcast commercial messages.