



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-46

Ottawa, 23 February 2006

Bertor Communications Ltd.
Blucher, Saskatchewan

*Application 2005-1005-9
Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2005-111
25 November 2005*

Christian music FM radio station in Blucher – Technical change

*The Commission **approves** an application to amend the broadcasting licence for the low-power radio station authorized in Christian music FM radio station in Blucher, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2005-402, 12 August 2005, in order to change the frequency from 94.1 MHz (channel 231LP) to 100.3 MHz (channel 262LP).*

The application

1. The Commission received an application by Bertor Communications Ltd. (Bertor) to amend the broadcasting licence for the radio programming undertaking authorized in *Christian music FM radio station in Blucher*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2005-402, 12 August 2005 (Decision 2005-402), in order to change the frequency from 94.1 MHz (channel 231LP) to 100.3 MHz (channel 262LP). Bertor has not yet commenced operation of this low-power station, which is authorized to operate with an effective radiated power (ERP) of 36 watts.
2. Bertor noted that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) filed an application, which was announced in Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2005-69, 21 July 2005, to amend the broadcasting licence for CBK Regina, in order to add an FM transmitter in Saskatoon at 94.1 MHz (channel 231A). Bertor indicated that it was aware that the Commission had not rendered its decision regarding the CBC's application. However, Bertor explained that, in anticipation of the possible loss of its low-power, unprotected 94.1 MHz frequency, it wished to proceed with the change in frequency before commencing operations. Bertor confirmed that its station would operate with an ERP of 36 watts.

Intervention

3. The Commission received an opposing intervention by Radio CJVR Ltd., the licensee of CJVR-FM Melfort and its transmitters CJVR-FM-1 Dafoe and CJVR-FM-2 Waskesiu Lake, Saskatchewan.

4. The intervener expressed concern that approval of Bertor's proposed use of 100.3 MHz (channel 262LP) would cause interference to CJVR-FM-1 Dafoe, which operates at 100.3 MHz (channel 262C1). While the intervener acknowledged that Blucher is outside CJVR-FM-1's 0.5 mV/m contour, it contended that approval of Bertor's application would not be consistent with the requirements of the *Radiocommunication Act* (the Act) pertaining to the minimum allowable distance between co-channel radio stations.

Licensee's reply

5. In response, Bertor stated that its proposed use of 100.3 MHz has been approved by the Department of Industry (the Department) because it meets the Act's minimum requirements with respect to co-channel separation distance of C1 to low power FM.

Commission's analysis and determination

6. The Commission notes that the Department has indicated that this application is conditionally technically acceptable. Accordingly, the Commission is satisfied that the technical issues raised by the intervener have been appropriately addressed and that approval of this application will not have a negative impact on the operation of CJVR-FM-1.
7. Based on the foregoing, the Commission **approves** the application by Bertor Communications Ltd. to amend the broadcasting licence for the radio programming undertaking authorized in Decision 2005-402, in order to change the frequency from 94.1 MHz (channel 231LP) to 100.3 MHz (channel 262LP).
8. 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.
9. Given that the technical parameters approved in this decision are for a low-power unprotected FM service, the Commission also reminds the licensee that it will have to select another frequency if the Department so requires.

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>