



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2009-33

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Communication du Versant Nord (CISM-FM) inc.
Montréal, Québec

Application 2008-1523-5, received 11 November 2008

CISM-FM Montréal – Use of the SCMO channel

1. The Commission **approves** the application by Communication du Versant Nord (CISM-FM) inc. to amend the licence of the community-based campus radio programming undertaking CISM-FM Montréal to use a subsidiary communications multiplex operation (SCMO) channel for the purpose of broadcasting a predominantly Tamil-language radio service. The new service will be operated by CITR Radio Inc. The majority of the programming will be produced locally and will target the Tamil-speaking community in Montréal. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.
2. Programming broadcast using an SCMO channel is not accessible with standard radio equipment and requires instead the use of a special receiver. The Commission's policy regarding services using the SCMO channel of FM stations is set out in *Services Using the Vertical Blanking Interval (Television) or Subsidiary Communications Multiplex Operation (FM)*, Public Notice CRTC 1989-23, 23 March 1989 (Public Notice 1989-23). The policy states that the Commission would be concerned if an SCMO service were to have a negative impact on existing local conventional ethnic broadcasters. No such broadcaster opposed this application. Consequently, the Commission is satisfied that approval of this application will not have an undue negative impact on existing local conventional ethnic radio stations.
3. The Commission reminds Communication du Versant Nord (CISM-FM) inc. that as stated in section 3(1)(h) of the *Broadcasting Act*, it is responsible for the programs that it broadcasts. The Commission expects the licensee to adhere to the guidelines regarding the provision of SCMO services set out in Appendix A to Public Notice 1989-23.

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>.