Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2009-8

Ottawa, 13 January 2009

Notice of application received

Across Canada

Deadline for submission of interventions/comments: 28 January 2009

The Commission has received the following application.

[Broadcasting intervention/comments form]

Item Applicant and Locality

1. Canwest Media Inc., on behalf of itself (the limited partner) and Canwest Television GP Inc. (the general partner), carrying on business as Canwest Television Limited Partnership

Across Canada Application No. 2008-1642-3

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Application by Canwest Media Inc., on behalf of itself (the limited partner) and Canwest Television GP Inc. (the general partner), carrying on business as Canwest Television Limited Partnership (Canwest) for suspension of the conditions of licence respecting cross-media ownership, in light of the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council's (CBSC) *Journalistic Independence Code*, which was approved in Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2008-95, 20 October 2008 (Public Notice 2008-95).

In *Licence renewals for the television stations controlled by Global*, Decision CRTC 2001-458, 2 August 2001, the Commission imposed a condition of licence requiring Canwest adhere to its *Statement of Principles and Practices* to ensure the independence and separation of newsrooms of its television services and affiliated newspapers. In that decision, the Commission also stated that it would be prepared to consider suspending the conditions of licence, if the licensee, as a member in good standing with the CBSC, enters into an agreement with the CBSC, resulting in the licensee complying with an industry-wide code of professional conduct approved by the Commission



As a result of Public Notice 2008-95, the applicant proposes suspending the following conditions of licence through the following amendment indicated by the bold, underlined text:

3. The licensee shall adhere to the provisions of its Statement of Principles and Practices, as set out in Appendix 1 to Licence renewals for the television stations controlled by Global, Decision CRTC 2001-458, 2 August 2001, including the establishment of an independent monitoring committee as set out in Appendix A to its Statement of Principles and Practices. The application of this condition of licence will be suspended, in light of the Journalistic Independence Code, as long as the licensee is a member in good standing of the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council.

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Examination of application:

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Public Participation

Deadline for Interventions/Comments

28 January 2009

The intervention must be received by the CRTC and by the applicant on or before the above-mentioned date. The Commission cannot be held responsible for postal delays.

Your intervention will be considered by the Commission, and will form part of the public record of the proceeding without further notification to you, provided the procedure set out below has been followed. You will be contacted only if your submission raises procedural questions.

Submit your written intervention to the Secretary General of the Commission in **only one** of the following formats:

by using the

[Broadcasting intervention/comments form]

or

by mail to CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

or

by fax at 819-994-0218

A true copy must be sent to the applicant and proof that this has been done must accompany the intervention sent to the Commission.

The Commission advises those who file and serve by electronic mode to exercise caution when using e-mail for service of documents or notification, as it may be difficult to establish that service has occurred.

Before initiating service through electronic mode, please ensure that you will be able to satisfy the Commission, upon request, that service of the notification was completed.

Where the intervention is filed by electronic means, the line ***End of document*** should be entered following the last paragraph of the document, as an indication that the document has not been damaged during electronic transmission.

Each paragraph of the document should be numbered.

Your intervention should clearly identify the application and indicate whether you support or oppose the application, or if you propose changes to it, include the facts and grounds for your proposal.

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Documents are also available during normal office hours at the local address provided in this notice and at the Commission offices and documentation centres directly involved with these applications or, upon request, within 2 working days, at any other CRTC offices and documentation centres.

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