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Conseil de la radiodiffusion et des télécommunications canadiennes

Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2010-204

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CTV Television Inc.
Across Canada

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The Comedy Network – Licence amendment

1. The Commission **approves** the application by CTV Television Inc. to amend the broadcasting licence for the specialty television programming undertaking known as The Comedy Network in order to increase its flexibility in fulfilling its described video programming commitments. The Commission received an intervention in support of this application.

2. In *Accessibility of telecommunications and broadcasting services,* Broadcasting and Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2009-430, 21 July 2009, the Commission invited conventional television broadcasters to apply to amend their licences in order to provide these broadcasters with a measure of flexibility and to take into account requests from persons with disabilities for a wider choice of described video programming. The Commission considered it appropriate to add two more program categories to those that licensees of conventional television stations may use to fulfill their commitments for described video, specifically, 9 Variety and 11 General entertainment and human interest.

3. Accordingly, the Commission replaces The Comedy Network's current condition of licence relating to described video with the following **condition of licence**:

> The licensee shall broadcast an average of 4 hours per week of described Canadian priority programs between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.
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> The licensee may fulfill its commitments for described video with programming from the following categories: 2(*b*) Long-form documentary, 7(*a*) Ongoing dramatic series, 7(*b*) Ongoing comedy series (sitcoms), 7(*c*) Specials, mini-series or made-for-TV feature films, 7(*d*) Theatrical feature films aired on TV, 7(*e*) Animated television programs and films, 7(*f*) Programs of comedy sketches, improvisations, unscripted works, stand-up comedy, 7(*g)* Other drama, 9 Variety and 11 General entertainment and human interest, as well as programming targeted to children.

In fulfilling this condition, a minimum of 50% of the required hours must be original broadcasts.

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.