



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2012-207

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Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
Ottawa, Ontario

Application 2011-1522-0

CBOFT-DT Ottawa – Technical change

1. The Commission **approves** the application by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) to change the technical parameters for the French-language conventional digital television undertaking CBOFT-DT Ottawa by increasing the average effective radiated power (ERP) from 1,800 to 282,000 watts (maximum ERP from 3,500 to 480,000 watts), by decreasing the effective height of antenna above average terrain from 424.9 to 397.7 metres and by changing the channel from 9 to 33. All other technical parameters remain unchanged.
2. The CBC stated that following the transition to digital that took place on 31 August 2011, it received many complaints concerning signal reception problems for CBOFT-DT in the Ottawa-Gatineau area. The CBC therefore proposed this amendment to remedy the reception problems.
3. The Commission received an intervention in opposition to the application, as well as a comment. The opposing intervenor argued that the funds required by the CBC for this technical amendment should be spent on the conversion of another CBC transmitter located in a mandatory market, while the issues raised in the comment do not relate to this application. The public record for this proceeding is available on the Commission's website at www.crtc.gc.ca under "Public proceedings."
4. The Commission is of the view that approval of this application is appropriate given that it aims to offer a better CBC signal to Ottawa and Gatineau viewers. With regard to the concerns raised by the opposing intervenor, in *Continued operation of analog television rebroadcasting transmitters in mandatory markets and associated technical changes*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2011-494, 16 August 2011, the Commission indicated that it would discuss the CBC's plans for its over-the-air transmitters at the time of the CBC's licence renewal hearing in 2012. Accordingly, the Commission invites the intervenor to raise these concerns in the context of the proceeding for the CBC licence renewals.

1. Secretary General The Commission reminds the licensee that pursuant to section 22(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*, this authority will only be effective when the Department of Industry notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued.

**This decision is to be appended to the licence.*