



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2023-315

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Ottawa, 13 September 2023

Corus Radio Inc.
Hamilton, Ontario

Public record: 2023-0377-5

CING-FM Hamilton – Technical changes

1. The Commission has the authority, pursuant to subsection 9(1) of the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act), to issue licences for the carrying on of broadcasting undertakings as well as to amend those licences.
2. Consistent with this authority, the Commission **approves** the application by Corus Radio Inc. (Corus) to change the authorized contours of the English-language commercial radio programming undertaking CING-FM Hamilton, Ontario, by decreasing the effective height of the antenna above average terrain (EHAAT) from 305.0 to 287.0 metres and by amending the coordinates of the transmitter site. All other technical parameters will remain unchanged.
3. The Commission did not receive any interventions in regard to this application.
4. When a licensee of a radio station files an application for technical changes, the Commission generally requires the licensee to present compelling technical or economic evidence justifying the requested technical changes. Corus submitted that the requested technical changes are necessary because the land where the tower is currently located has been sold, and because the existing transmitter tower will be dismantled in November 2023, making it impossible for the station to continue operations. Therefore, Corus intends to relocate its transmission site for CING-FM from Stoney Creek, Ontario, to its new tower, which is being constructed in the Flamborough district of Hamilton, approximately 19 kilometres away. The Commission is satisfied that the licensee has demonstrated a technical need for the requested technical changes.
5. Pursuant to subsection 22(1) of the Act, this authority will only be effective when the Department of Industry (also known as Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada) notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued.
6. The licensee must implement the technical changes by no later than **13 September 2025**. To request an extension, the licensee must submit a written

request to the Commission at least 60 days before that date, using the form available on the Commission's website.

7. As set out in section 16 of the *Radio Regulations, 1986* (the Regulations), licensees have obligations relating to the broadcast of emergency alert messages received from the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination System. In regard to the changes to CING-FM's authorized contours resulting from the implementation of the technical changes approved in this decision, the Commission reminds the licensee that continued compliance with section 16 of the Regulations may require that any alert broadcast decoders (e.g., ENDEC) used for the purposes of broadcasting emergency alert messages on CING-FM, or on any rebroadcasting transmitters that may appear on the broadcasting licence for that station, be reprogrammed to properly account for the new authorized contours.

Secretary General

This decision is to be appended to the licence.