



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2005-553

Ottawa, 24 November 2005

Radio-Classique Montréal inc.
Montréal, Quebec

Application 2005-0699-1
Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2005-93
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CJPX-FM Montréal – Use of the SCMO channel

1. The Commission **approves** an application by Radio-Classique Montréal inc. (Radio-Classique), licensee of CJPX-FM Montréal, for authority to use a subsidiary communications multiplex operations (SCMO) channel¹ for the purpose of broadcasting a radio service predominantly in the Punjabi, Hindi, Urdu, Bengali, Tamil and Sinhalese languages. The new service will replace the Tamil-language radio service approved in *New Tamil-language SCMO service*, Decision CRTC 99-203, 11 August 1999.
2. The Commission received interventions in support of this application.
3. 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) channel*, Public Notice CRTC 1989-23, 23 March 1989 (Public Notice 1989-23).
4. 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. The Commission is satisfied that approval of this application will not cause undue negative impact on existing local conventional ethnic radio stations.
5. The Commission reminds Radio-Classique that, as stated in section 3(1)(h) of the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act), it is responsible for the programs that it broadcasts. It is therefore expected to ensure that its SCMO service is operated in a responsible manner and to adhere to the guidelines regarding the provision of SCMO services set out in Appendix A to Public Notice 1989-23.

¹ Programming broadcast using an SCMO channel is not accessible with standard radio equipment, and requires instead the use of a special receiver.

6. The Commission reminds the licensee that, pursuant to section 22(1) of the 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.

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>