



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2007-60

Ottawa, 12 February 2007

**Davinder Jhattu, on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated
Across Canada**

*Application 2006-1016-4
Public Hearing in the National Capital Region
18 December 2006*

Jyot News TV – Category 2 specialty service

*In this decision, the Commission **approves** an application for a broadcasting licence to operate a new Category 2 specialty programming undertaking. The licence will be issued once the applicant has met the requirements specified at the end of this decision.*

The application

1. The Commission received an application by Davinder Jhattu, on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated, for a broadcasting licence to operate a national, ethnic Category 2¹ specialty programming undertaking to be known as Jyot News TV.
2. The applicant proposed to offer a third-language, niche service that would be devoted to providing news for the Canadian Punjabi community. The applicant proposed that not less than 90% of all programming broadcast during the broadcast week would be in the Punjabi language.
3. All of the programming would be drawn from the following categories set out in item 6 of Schedule I to the *Specialty Services Regulations, 1990*: 1 News; 2(a) Analysis and interpretation; and 3 Reporting and actualities.
4. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.

Commission's analysis and determinations

5. The Commission is satisfied that the application is in conformity with all applicable terms and conditions announced in *Introductory statement – Licensing of new digital pay and specialty services – Corrected Appendix 2*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-171-1, 6 March 2001 (Public Notice 2000-171-1). Furthermore, given that the service will offer not less than 90% of its programming in a third-language, the Commission is satisfied that the application falls under the definition of a third-language service, established in

¹ The Category 2 services are defined in *Introductory statement – Licensing of new digital pay and specialty services*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-171, 14 December 2000.

Revised approach for the consideration of broadcasting licence applications proposing new third-language ethnic Category 2 pay and specialty services, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2005-104, 23 November 2005 (Public Notice 2005-104). Accordingly, the Commission **approves** the application by Davinder Jhattu, on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated, for a broadcasting licence to operate the national, niche, third-language, ethnic Category 2 specialty programming undertaking, Jyot News TV.

6. The Commission notes that the applicant will devote at least 90% of the program schedule of Jyot News TV to programming in the Punjabi language. In accordance with Public Notice 2005-104, the Commission has imposed a **condition of licence**, as set out in the appendix to this decision, that requires the licensee to devote not less than 90% of the program schedule of Jyot News TV to programming in Punjabi. The remainder of the program schedule, i.e., up to 10%, may be in one or both official languages. The Commission encourages the applicant to ensure that all such programming serves to promote Canada's linguistic duality.
7. The Commission reminds the applicant that if it wishes to enter at any time into an agreement with non-Canadian independent producers regarding the supply of programming or the use of a licence trademark, it must comply at all times with the *Direction to the CRTC (Ineligibility of non-Canadians)*, P.C. 1997-486, 8 April 1997, as amended by P.C. 1998-1268, 15 July 1998 (the Direction). Accordingly, the Commission has imposed a **condition of licence**, as set out in the appendix to this decision, that requires the licensee to file, for the Commission's prior review, a copy of any programming supply agreement or licence trademark agreement it intends to enter into with a non-Canadian party, in order to ensure that the licensee complies at all times with the Direction.
8. The licence will expire 31 August 2013, and will be subject to the **conditions** set out in Public Notice 2000-171-1, as well as to the **conditions** set out in the appendix to this decision.

Issuance of the licence

9. A licence will be issued once the applicant has satisfied the Commission, with supporting documentation, that the following requirements have been met:
 - an eligible Canadian corporation has been incorporated in accordance with the application in all material respects;
 - the applicant has entered into a distribution agreement with at least one licensed distributor; and

- the applicant has informed the Commission in writing that it is prepared to commence operations. The undertaking must be operational at the earliest possible date and in any event no later than 36 months from the date of this decision, unless a request for an extension of time is approved by the Commission before 12 February 2010. In order to ensure that such a request is processed in a timely manner, it should be submitted at least 60 days before that date.

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>

Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2007-60

Conditions of licence

1. The licence will be subject to the conditions set out in *Introductory statement – Licensing of new digital pay and specialty services – Corrected Appendix 2*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-171-1, 6 March 2001.
2. The licensee shall provide a national, niche, third-language, ethnic Category 2 specialty programming service devoted to providing news to the Canadian Punjabi community.
3. The programming shall be drawn exclusively from the following categories, as set out in item 6 of Schedule I to the *Specialty Services Regulations, 1990*, as amended from time to time:
 - 1 News
 - 2 (a) Analysis and interpretation
 - 3 Reporting and actualities
4. The licensee shall broadcast not less than 90% of all programming during the broadcast week in the Punjabi language.
5. In order to ensure that the licensee complies at all times with the *Direction to the CRTC (Ineligibility of non-Canadians)*, P.C. 1997-486, 8 April 1997, as amended by P.C. 1998-1268, 15 July 1998, the licensee shall file, for the Commission's prior review, a copy of any programming supply agreement and/or licence trademark agreement it intends to enter into with a non-Canadian party.

For the purposes of the conditions of this licence, including condition of licence no. 1, *broadcast day* refers to the 24-hour period beginning each day at 6 a.m., or any other period approved by the Commission.