



## Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2007-81

Ottawa, 13 March 2007

**HobbyT.V. Inc.**  
Across Canada

*Application 2006-1227-7  
Public Hearing in the National Capital Region  
29 January 2007*

### **HobbyTV.ca – 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 HobbyT.V. Inc. for a broadcasting licence to operate a national, English-language Category 2<sup>1</sup> specialty programming undertaking to be known as HobbyTV.ca.<sup>2</sup>
2. The applicant proposed to offer a service that would consist of programming devoted to the activities and interests of the Canadian hobbyist.
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(b) Long-form documentary; 3 Reporting and actualities; 5(a) Formal education and pre-school; 5(b) Informal education/Recreation and leisure; 7(g) Other drama; 9 Variety; 10 Game shows; 11 General entertainment and human interest; 12 Interstitials; 13 Public service announcements; 14 Infomercials, promotional and corporate videos; and 15 Filler programming.
4. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> In *HobbyTV.ca*, Decision CRTC 2000-593, 14 December 2000, the Commission approved an application by HobbyT.V. Inc. for a Category 2 specialty television service to be known as HobbyTV.ca. In *Deadline to commence operation of Category 2 specialty and pay television services*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2003-599, 16 December 2003, the Commission extended the deadline to commence the operation of HobbyTV.ca and other Category 2 services to 24 November 2004.

## Commission's analysis and determinations

5. Regarding the applicant's request to broadcast programming from category 15, the Commission notes that in *Introductory statement – Licensing of new digital pay and specialty services*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-171, 14 December 2000, the Commission removed category 15 from almost all of the nature of service descriptions of Category 2 services. The Commission noted that all programming drawn from Category 15 can be categorized more particularly under other categories and should be logged as such.
6. 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). Accordingly, the Commission **approves** the application by HobbyT.V. Inc. for a broadcasting licence to operate the national, English-language Category 2 specialty programming undertaking HobbyTV.ca.
7. 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.
8. 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.

## 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:
  - the applicant must file, within 60 days of the date of this decision, an executed copy of the by-laws for HobbyT.V. Inc.;
  - 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 13 March 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 2007-81

### 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, English-language Category 2 specialty programming service devoted to the activities and interests of the Canadian hobbyist.
3. The programming shall be drawn exclusively from the following categories set out in item 6 of Schedule I to the *Specialty Services Regulations, 1990*, as amended from time to time:
  - 1 News
  - 2 (b) Long-form documentary
  - 3 Reporting and actualities
  - 5 (a) Formal education and pre-school
  - (b) Informal education/Recreation and leisure
  - 7 (g) Other drama
  - 9 Variety
  - 10 Game shows
  - 11 General entertainment and human interest
  - 12 Interstitials
  - 13 Public service announcements
  - 14 Infomercials, promotional and corporate videos
4. 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.