



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-332

Ottawa, 1 December 2008

The Fight Network Inc.
Across Canada

Application 2008-0637-5, received 30 April 2008
Public Hearing in the National Capital Region
24 September 2008

Le Réseau des Combats – Category 2 specialty service

*The Commission **approves** an application for a broadcasting licence to operate a new Category 2 specialty programming undertaking.*

1. The Fight Network Inc. filed an application for a broadcasting licence to operate Le Réseau des Combats, a national French-language Category 2 specialty service. The service would be devoted to combat sports such as boxing, wrestling and martial arts and would broadcast programming consisting of live or archived fights, news, interviews and analysis, movies and variety shows. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.
2. The applicant proposed to limit the programming it may draw from category 7 Drama and comedy to 20% of the broadcast year. The applicant also stated that it was prepared to caption 100% of its programming.
3. The Commission is satisfied that the application is in conformity with all applicable terms and conditions announced in Public Notice 2000-171-1. Accordingly, the Commission **approves** the application by The Fight Network Inc. for a broadcasting licence to operate the national French-language Category 2 specialty programming undertaking known as Le Réseau des Combats. The terms and **conditions of licence** are set out in the appendix to this decision.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *A new policy with respect to closed captioning, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2007-54, 17 May 2007*
- *Introductory statement – Licensing of new digital pay and specialty services – Corrected Appendix 2, Public Notice CRTC 2000-171-1, 6 March 2001*

- *Licensing framework policy for new digital pay and specialty services,*
Public Notice CRTC 2000-6, 13 January 2000

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 2008-332

Terms and conditions of licence for the Category 2 specialty programming undertaking *Le Réseau des Combats*

Terms

A licence will be issued once the applicant has satisfied the Commission, with supporting documentation, that the following requirements have been met:

- 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 1 December 2011. 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.

The licence will expire 31 August 2015.

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 French-language Category 2 specialty programming service dedicated to combat sports such as boxing, wrestling and martial arts. Programming must be devoted to live or archived fights, news, interviews and analysis, movies and variety shows.
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 (a) Analysis and interpretation
 - (b) Long-form documentary
 - 3 Reporting and actualities
 - 5 (b) Informal education/Recreation and leisure
 - 6 (a) Professional sports
 - (b) Amateur sports
 - 7 Drama and comedy

- (a) Ongoing dramatic series
 - (c) Specials, mini-series or made-for-TV feature films
 - (d) Theatrical feature films aired on TV
 - (e) Animated television programs and films
 - (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. The licensee shall not draw more than 20% of its programming from category 7 during the broadcast year.
 5. The licensee shall caption 100% of its programs over the broadcast day, consistent with the approach set out in *A new policy with respect to closed captioning*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2007-54, 17 May 2007.
 6. 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 1, *broadcast day* refers to the 24-hour period beginning each day at 6 a.m. or any other period approved by the Commission.