



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-354

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Ontario French Language Educational Communications Authority Various locations in Ontario

Application 2008-1303-1, received 29 September 2008
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TFO – Licence amendment

1. The Commission **approves** the application by the Ontario French Language Educational Communications Authority to amend the broadcasting licence for the satellite-to-cable television programming undertaking known as TFO to allow the service to be made available for distribution in high definition (HD) format. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.
2. In *Regulatory framework for the licensing and distribution of high definition pay and specialty services*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2006-74, 15 June 2006, the Commission stated that it would authorize the licensee of a Canadian pay or specialty service to make available an upgraded version of its service by means of an amendment to the licence of the existing service. This authority would be in effect for a term of three years. In that public notice, the Commission stated the following:

Those services that are authorized to offer HD programming by way of licence amendment will remain subject to the requirement initially imposed in Public Notice 2003-61 that the programming on the analog or SD [standard definition] service and on the upgraded service be comparable, that is, not less than 95% of the video and audio components must be the same. Further, the Commission will require that all of the programming making up the 5% allowance be provided in HD.
3. Accordingly, by **condition of licence**, the licensee is authorized to make available for distribution, for a period of three years from the date of this decision, a version of TFO in HD format, provided that not less than 95% of the video and audio components of the upgraded and standard definition versions of the service are the same, exclusive of commercial messages and of any part of the service carried on a subsidiary signal. Further, all of the programming making up the 5% allowance shall be provided in HD.

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>.