



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2009-107

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Drayton Valley Word of Life Center Church and Ministries

Drayton Valley, Alberta

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Low-power religious FM radio station in Drayton Valley

1. The Commission **approves** the application by Drayton Valley Word of Life Center Church and Ministries (Drayton Valley) for a broadcasting licence to operate an English-language, non-commercial low-power FM radio programming undertaking to provide religious programming in Drayton Valley, Alberta. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application. The terms and **conditions of licence** for the new station are set out in the appendix to this decision. The implementation of the station is subject to the notification by the Department of Industry discussed in the appendix.
2. Drayton Valley is a not-for-profit charitable organization controlled by its board of directors.
3. In each broadcast week, the new station will provide five to eight hours of programming consisting of the live broadcast of religious celebrations, including weddings, funerals and baptisms. The station will not solicit or broadcast advertising.
4. The applicant confirmed that it will not broadcast the programming of any other programming undertaking and that it will adhere to the Commission's guidelines on balance and ethics set out in *Religious Broadcasting Policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1993-78, 3 June 1993. In that policy, the Commission stated that stations that broadcast religious programming have an obligation to offer differing views on matters of general public concern, including religious matters.

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 2009-107

Terms, conditions of licence and encouragement

Terms

Issuance of the broadcasting licence to operate an English-language, low-power non-commercial FM radio programming undertaking in Drayton Valley, Alberta

The licence will expire 31 August 2015.

The station will operate at 90.3 MHz (channel 212LP) with an effective radiated power of 50 watts.

Condition prior to the implementation of the new undertaking

The Commission reminds the licensee that pursuant to section 22(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*, this authority will only be effective when the Department of Industry (the Department) notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued. Therefore, in the absence of the notification by the Department, the licensee will not be able to implement the new undertaking approved in this decision.

Low-power unprotected FM service

Given that the technical parameters approved in this decision are for a low-power unprotected FM service, the Commission also reminds the applicant that it will have to select another frequency if the Department so requires.

Issuance of licence

Furthermore, the licence for this undertaking will be issued once 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 24 months from the date of this decision, unless a request for an extension of time is approved by the Commission before 3 March 2011. In order to ensure that such a request is processed in a timely manner, it should be submitted at least 60 days before this date.

Conditions of licence

1. The licensee shall broadcast programming consisting solely of religious services, including weddings, funerals, baptisms and other similar religious celebrations, with the exception of programs or program segments it produces for the purpose of ensuring balance on matters of public concern. Such programs or program segments shall comply with guidelines (i) to (iv) set out in section III.B.2a) of *Religious Broadcasting Policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1993-78, 3 June 1993.

2. The licensee shall adhere to the guidelines on ethics for religious programming set out in section IV of *Religious Broadcasting Policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1993-78, 3 June 1993, as amended from time to time.
3. The licensee shall not solicit or broadcast commercial messages.
4. The licensee shall not broadcast the programming of any other programming undertaking.

Encouragement

Employment equity

In accordance with *Implementation of an employment equity policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1992-59, 1 September 1992, the Commission encourages the licensee to consider employment equity issues in its hiring practices and in all other aspects of its management of human resources.