



Broadcasting Information Bulletin CRTC 2012-466

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Decision of the Broadcasting Arbitrator

1. On 19 April 2012, the Broadcasting Arbitrator released a decision and order with respect to the 2012 Allocation of Paid Time.
2. As noted in *Decision of the Broadcasting Arbitrator*, Broadcasting Information Bulletin CRTC 2012-290, 15 May 2012, the Decision and Order of The Broadcasting Arbitrator may be viewed in full by going to the [Elections Canada](#) website.
3. As of 16 August 2012, and pursuant to section 339(1) of the *Canada Elections Act* (the Act), a new eligible party, the Online Party of Canada, is now entitled to purchase six minutes of paid broadcasting time, during prime time, in the period beginning with the issuance of writs for a general election, and ending at midnight on the day before polling day.
4. The Commission is required, pursuant to section 342(1) of the Act, to notify broadcasters and network operators of such entitlements.
5. Any inquiry relating to decisions and/or orders of The Broadcasting Arbitrator should be referred to the following:

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