



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2023-209

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Walsh Investments Inc. and Yorkton Broadcasting Company Limited, partners in a general partnership carrying on business as GX Radio Partnership

Yorkton, Saskatchewan

Public record: 2023-0159-7

CJGX Yorkton – Technical changes

1. The Commission has the authority, pursuant to subsection 9(1) of the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act), to issue licences for the carrying on of broadcasting undertakings as well as to amend those licences.
2. Consistent with this authority, the Commission **approves** the application by Walsh Investments Inc. and Yorkton Broadcasting Company Limited, partners in a general partnership carrying on business as GX Radio Partnership (GX Radio) to change the authorized contours of the English-language commercial AM radio programming undertaking CJGX Yorkton, Saskatchewan, by decreasing the nighttime transmitter power from 10,000 to 690 watts and replacing the existing four-tower directional antenna system with its existing daytime tower operating at reduced nighttime parameters. All other technical parameters will remain unchanged.
3. The Commission did not receive any interventions in regard to this application.
4. When a licensee of a radio station files an application for technical changes, the Commission generally requires the licensee to present compelling technical or economic evidence justifying the requested technical changes. GX Radio indicated that the requested technical changes are necessary because the towers it uses during nighttime hours, which would be costly to rebuild, are timeworn and can no longer be used for safety reasons. More specifically, an inspection revealed that the towers are unstable, are not accessible, are in unsatisfactory condition and should not be climbed for maintenance purposes. The Commission is satisfied that the licensee has demonstrated a technical need for the requested technical changes.
5. Pursuant to subsection 22(1) of the Act, this authority will only be effective when the Department of Industry (also known as Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada) notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued.

6. The licensee must implement the technical changes by no later than **17 July 2025**. To request an extension, the licensee must submit a written request to the Commission at least 60 days before that date, using the form available on the Commission's website.
7. As set out in section 16 of the *Radio Regulations, 1986* (the Regulations), licensees have obligations relating to the broadcast of emergency alert messages received from the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination System. In regard to the changes to CJGX's authorized contours resulting from the implementation of the technical changes approved in this decision, the Commission reminds the licensee that continued compliance with section 16 of the Regulations may require that any alert broadcast decoders (e.g., ENDEC) used for the purposes of broadcasting emergency alert messages on CJGX, or on any rebroadcasting transmitters that may appear on the broadcasting licence for that station, be reprogrammed to properly account for the new authorized contours.

Secretary General

This decision is to be appended to the licence.