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CRTC Broadcasting NOC 2016-225-3

RABC 600 MHz Working Group

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Mutliplatform Technology Group



Background

- Licensees of OTA TV stations are required to apply to the CRTC for approval to make any changes to the contours and technical parameters of their transmitters (a technical amendment application).
- Technical amendments are addressed through the CRTC Part 1 proceedings.





The 600 MHz Repack

- The 600 MHz Repack will result in a new DTV allotment plan.
 - OTA transmitters may be required to make technical changes
- There could be many technical amendment applications to the CRTC.
- The transition schedule could involve tight timelines for OTA licensees.



Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2016-225-3

English: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2016/2016-225-3.htm>

French: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/fra/archive/2016/2016-225-3.htm>

- NOC announced
 - the CRTC's intention to discuss its proposed approach to streamline the approval of changes resulting from the 600 MHz repack
 - discussion is in the context of the hearing for the renewal of television licences held by large English and French-language ownership groups





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- The CRTC proposes to introduce a condition of licence for the large ownership groups
 - Proposed wording for COL provided in NOC
 - Would permit the operation of their transmitters at revised technical parameters, as approved by ISED
 - Eliminates the need for licensees to file individual technical amendment applications with the CRTC
 - **Broadcasters must receive approval from ISED**
 - **Applicable only for technical changes required for the 600 MHz Repack**
- Should the proposed approach be adopted for the ownership groups, other licensees (independent ownership groups and the CBC/SRC) could be invited to apply for the COL
 - Applications could be processed using the administrative approach

