



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2004-426

Ottawa, 27 September 2004

University of Toronto Community Radio Inc.
Toronto, Ontario

Application 2004-0145-6
Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2004-43
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CIUT-FM Toronto - Use of the SCMO channel

*The Commission **approves** the use of the SCMO channel to offer a Farsi-language radio service.*

The application

1. The Commission received an application by University of Toronto Community Radio Inc. (UTCR), licensee of CIUT-FM Toronto, for authority to use a subsidiary communications multiplex operations (SCMO) channel¹ for the purpose of broadcasting a predominately Farsi-language (Persian) radio service.
2. The Commission received six interventions in support of this application.

The Commission's analysis and determination

3. The Commission's policy regarding services using the SCMO channel of FM stations is set out in *Services using the vertical blanking interval (television) or subsidiary communications multiplex operation (FM) channel*, Public Notice CRTC 1989-23, 23 March 1989 (Public Notice 1989-23).
4. The policy states that the Commission would be concerned if an SCMO service were to have a negative impact on existing local conventional ethnic broadcasters. No such broadcaster opposed this application. The Commission is satisfied that approval of this application will not cause undue negative impact on existing local conventional ethnic radio stations.
5. Accordingly, the Commission **approves** the application by University of Toronto Community Radio Inc. to use an SCMO channel of radio station CIUT-FM Toronto, for the purpose of broadcasting a predominately Farsi-language radio service.

¹ Programming broadcast using an SCMO channel is not accessible with standard radio equipment, and requires instead the use of a special receiver.

6. The Commission reminds UTCR that, as stated in section 3(1)(h) of the *Broadcasting Act*, it is responsible for the programs that it broadcasts. It is therefore expected to ensure that its SCMO service is operated in a responsible manner and to adhere to the guidelines regarding the provision of SCMO services set out in Appendix A to Public Notice 1989-23.

Secretary General

This decision is to be appended to the licence. It is available in alternative format upon request, and may also be examined at the following Internet site: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca>