



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2003-589

Ottawa, 21 November 2003

**Margaret and Paul Weigel, on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated
Across Canada**

*Application 2003-0465-0
Public Hearing in the National Capital Region
29 September 2003*

The National Youth (Radio) Network – Specialty audio service

*The Commission **approves** the operation of a new English-language religious specialty audio service.*

The application

1. The Commission received an application by Margaret and Paul Weigel, on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated, for a broadcasting licence to operate an English-language religious specialty audio undertaking to be known as The National Youth (Radio) Network.
2. The applicant proposed a programming service that would be directed to the Christian youth community across Canada and would be available for national distribution by broadcasting distribution undertakings on both an analog and digital basis.
3. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.
4. Based on its examination of this application, the Commission is satisfied that it is in conformity with all applicable terms and conditions announced in *New licensing framework for specialty audio programming services*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2002-53, 12 September 2002 (Public Notice 2002-53). Accordingly, the Commission **approves** the application by Margaret and Paul Weigel, on behalf of a company to be incorporated, for a licence to operate the National Youth (Radio) Network programming undertaking.

Issuance of the licence

5. The Commission will issue a licence once the applicant has satisfied the Commission, with supporting documentation, that the following requirements have been met:
 - an eligible Canadian corporation has been incorporated in accordance with the application in all material respects;

- the applicant has entered into a distribution agreement with at least one licensed distributor; and
 - 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 of the date of this decision, unless a request for an extension of time is approved by the Commission before 21 November 2005. 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.
6. The licence will expire 31 August 2010, and will be subject to the conditions set out in the appendix to this decision.

Other matters

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

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>

Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2003-589

Conditions of licence

1. The licensee shall operate a national English-language religious specialty audio service offering news, information and music programming directed to Christian youth. In each broadcast week, a maximum of 35% of all programming shall be devoted to spoken word programming, and a minimum of 65% of all programming shall be devoted to music programming¹. In addition, a minimum of 88% of all programming in each broadcast week shall be Canadian.
2. No more than 25% of the spoken word programming in each broadcast week shall be religious programming.
3. The licensee shall adhere to the policy requirements stipulated in *Religious Broadcasting Policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1993-78, 3 June 1993.
4. The licensee shall adhere to the Canadian Association of Broadcasters' (CAB) *Broadcast Code for Advertising to Children* and to the CAB's *Sex-Role Portrayal Code for Television and Radio Programming*, as amended from time to time and approved by the Commission.
5. The licensee shall adhere to sections 2.2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9(2) and 11 of the *Radio Regulations, 1986*.
6. The licensee shall adhere to the *Broadcasting Licence Fee Regulations, 1987* if its revenues derived from broadcasting activities exceed the threshold amount of \$2 million.

For the purposes of the conditions of this licence, *broadcast day* shall have the same meaning as that set out in section 2 of the *Radio Regulations, 1986*.

¹ In response to questions put to it by the Commission during the deficiency process, the applicant advised that the maximum amount of spoken word programming and the minimum amount of music programming in each broadcast week would be 35% and 65%, respectively, as distinct from the amounts of 15% and 85% that appeared in Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing 2003-7, 31 July 2003.