



Canadian Radio-television and
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Conseil de la radiodiffusion et des
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VIA E-MAIL

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Dear Mrs. Auer,

**Re: Request for clarification – Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2016-225 and
Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2016-224**

I have received your letter, dated 13 July 2016, relating to the renewal of television licences held by large English- and French-language ownership groups, as outlined in Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2016-225 (BNC [2016-225](#)). For the reasons detailed in its letter, FRPC is requesting clarifications with respect to the Commission's new regulatory framework on local and community programming, as outlined in Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2016-224 (BRP [2016-224](#)).

While BRP [2016-224](#) outlines the Commission's general policy statements with respect to local and community programming, several implementation mechanisms will be discussed as part of the public process initiated by BNC [2016-225](#). In BRP [2016-224](#), the Commission also indicated that it would seek to implement its various policy determinations on local and community programming at the renewal of the various local television stations' licences. It will do so by examining and basing its determinations on data submitted as part of the licence renewal process as well as the overall record of the renewal proceeding. As such, the matters raised in your letter dated 13 July 2016 would be best addressed as part of an intervention in response to BNC [2016-225](#).

FRPC may choose to file an intervention in the public process initiated by BNC [2016-225](#) in which it could outline its suggestions with respect to the implementation of matters outlined in BRP [2016-224](#). By doing so, you would allow the applicants, as well as any other interested party, to have a chance to directly reply to your proposals. Furthermore, the Commission will be able to take your proposals into account during the appearing phase of the public hearing. Should you decide to prepare an intervention in the context of the BNC 2016-225 proceeding, you may wish to consult the various data sources available on the Commission's website.

Your 13 July 2016 letter and the present correspondence will be placed on the public record of the BNC [2016-225](#) proceeding.

Yours sincerely,

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