

September 12, 2014

Mr. John Traversy
Secretary
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa ON K1A 0N2

RE: Akash Broadcasting Submitting Intervention opposing – Radio India (2003) Ltd. (CRTC Ref. 2014-0694-2 Item 1), Radio Punjab Ltd. (CRTC Ref. 2014-0695-2 Item 2), Sher E Punjab Broadcasting Inc.(CRTC Ref. 2014-0696-8 Item 3)

Dear Mr. Traversy,

1. Akash Broadcasting Inc. is submitting this opposing intervention for all 3 applications mentioned above. We do not wish to personally appear at the hearing on October 15, 2014.
2. Akash Broadcasting Inc. participated as an applicant at the January 2014 Public Hearing in Surrey B.C.
3. During that hearing, in Phase 2, we brought to you attention that “Cross-border frequencies are, for Canadian purposes, unregulated. They will always fill the gaps in the market. For years, the gap in this market has been third-language broadcasting. You should not now turn around and grandfather that gap as though cross-border broadcasters were part of your planning process. That does not promote the creation of a Canadian broadcasting system. It acquiesces to a non-Canadian one. In particular, we would not have thought that incumbency in cross-border broadcasting could serve as any kind of basis on which to be grandfathered into a Canadian market. We have never heard the CRTC enunciate a "clean hands" principle of licensing. But to argue that because one has evaded the system for years, one should now have a leg up on entering the system is surely a step too far.”
4. All Canadian must be very pleased that the Commission is working towards stopping such cross-border broadcasting operations. Canadians should be served on airways under Canadian broadcasting system in regulated way.

Sincerely,

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