

2014 September 10

To:

Secretary General and Commissioners
Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N2

Subject: 3600+ signatures request the Gatineau hearing move to BC lower mainland

Re: CRTC Hearing in Gatineau, Quebec - Oct 15, 2014
Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2014-426

I, James Antton Ronback, as a member of the Cross Border Coalition to Stop the Radio Towers, am submitting on their behalf, as interventions to this CRTC hearing, our petition with over 3600 signatures of petitioners that indicates their strong objection to Sher-E-Punjab Radio Broadcasting Inc., of Richmond, BC., that plans to broadcast without a licence into Canada from the United States of America via station KRPI 1550 AM, to be relocated to Point Roberts, WA, next to the densely populated community of Tsawwassen, BC. It will be only 330 meters away from 50,000 watts of harmful electromagnetic radio frequency radiation causing blanketing interference.

With these 3600+ signatures, the people of Tsawwassen have earned their democratic right to request CRTC to move the Gatineau hearing to Tsawwassen, British Columbia.

In light of the intense interest in the outcome this hearing it would be more appropriate to serve the public and have the hearing moved to Metro Vancouver. This would allow the people who will be affected, to participate and be able to answer any questions by the Commissioners.

Our petition states as follows:

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

We, the undersigned residents of Tsawwassen, British Columbia, draw the attention of the House to the following:

*That BBC Broadcasting, Inc. (BBC), a US company whose station KRPI 1550 AM is managed and operated by its lessee, a Canadian company, Sher-E-Punjab Radio Broadcasting, Inc. (Sher-E-Punjab,) from its studios in Richmond, BC, unlicensed by CRTC, has been granted a construction permit in 24 May 2012 by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in Washington, DC, to change its community of service and relocate its radio transmission facility for KRPI 1550 AM from Ferndale, WA and construct five 150-foot AM radio towers less than 1000 feet from the Canadian-US border at Point Roberts, WA;

*That BBC also sought and received permission from the FCC to increase its wattage from 10,000 watts at nighttime to 50,000 watts to a maximum allowed of 50,000 watts all day and night, beaming its

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directional antennae north in order to better reach its listeners in the Lower Mainland area of British Columbia;

*That BBC deliberately misrepresented the total number of individuals who would suffer harmful blanketing interference from radio frequency (RF) emissions by failing to disclose that while Point Roberts only has a full time population of around 1300, the adjacent community of Tsawwassen, BC, is heavily populated and urbanized with approximately 23,000 people living and working in the path of the proposed electromagnetic radio frequency (RF) transmissions and contained within the strong electric field of harmful blanketing interference contour of 1 Volt per Meter or more;

*That in hiding the actual total affected population from the FCC and, subsequently misleading Industry Canada, BBC has caused both to allow a plan to proceed which exceeds the regulated allowable population density within the 1V/M contour by more than 30 times that which either Industry Canada or the FCC allows. (IC's radio site selection population rule C-10.3.1(c) and the FCC codes contained in ¶73.24, ¶73.37 and ¶73.1650 outline similar guidelines and maximum population densities within affected areas.);

*That BBC's plan to construct five 150-foot AM radio towers near a heavily populated area violates the letter and spirit of the 1984 Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America Relating to the AM Broadcasting Service in the Medium Frequency (the Ottawa Agreement);

*That BBC plan is contrary to the Article 0.4 of International Telecommunications Union (ITU), which both the US and Canada are signatory to: "All stations, whatever their purpose, must be established and operated in such a manner as not to cause harmful interference to the radio services or communications of other Members or of recognized operating agencies, or of other duly authorized operating agencies which carry on a radio service, and which operate in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations (No. 197 of the Constitution)."

*That BBC, by its own admission, is being forced to move from its present location in Ferndale, WA, because of its inability to effectively mitigate the effects of harmful RF blanketing interference, even at the lower wattage at nighttime;

*That BBC is presently attempting to renew its broadcasting license that was to have expired on 1 February 2014 with the FCC in spite of filed Petition and Informal Objection by citizens in both Point Roberts, WA and Tsawwassen, BC;

*That despite extensive press coverage, letters and emails from citizens of Tsawwassen and the efforts of local MP Kerry-Lynne Findlay to motivate the ministers of Industry Canada and Foreign Affairs to object to the decisions made by the FCC based on faulty information, no action has been taken by these Ministries.

THEREFORE, YOUR PETIONERS RESPECTFULLY REQUEST, as a prayer for relief, that the House of Commons cause the Industry Canada Minister and the Foreign Affairs Minister to act as follows:

- File an Informal Objection in the FCC's File No. BR-20130927AJA against BBC's broadcast license renewal application for station KRPI 1550 AM;
- Initiate an inquiry into IC not objecting to the FCC decision granting the construction permit of five 150-foot AM radio towers immediately adjacent to a densely populated community of 23,000 Canadians and allowing an increase in nighttime wattage to the maximum of 50,000 watts, (Permit File No. BP-20090226AAF).

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I and my colleagues, who have made submissions, want to attend, if we can do it in Metro Vancouver.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Ronback". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the text "Yours truly,".

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Attached: A copy of the signatures to our petition to the House of Commons