



# ACTRA

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M s. Diane Rhéaume  
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Telecommunications Commission  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A0N2

VIA Email [procedure@crtc.gc.ca](mailto:procedure@crtc.gc.ca)

Dear M s. Rhéaume,

**Re: Call for proposals for a framework to guide the migration of pay and specialty services from analog to a digital distribution environment Broadcastin g Public Notice CR TC 2005-1 and Broadcastin g Public Notice CR TC 2004-58**

1. Please accept this letter as a submission of the Alliance of Canadian Cinema Television and Radio Artists (ACTRA) in the matter of the call for proposals for a framework to guide the migration of pay and specialty services from analog to a digital distribution environment Broadcastin g Public Notice CR TC 2005-1 and Broadcastin g Public Notice CR TC 2004-58.
2. ACTRA has represented the interests of professional performers working in the English language media in every region of Canada for over sixty years. ACTRA's principal function is looking after the collective bargaining needs of the more than 2,000 members and others, whose performances in movies, television programs, sound recordings and digital media entertain, educate and inform Canadians and global audiences.
3. ACTRA fully supports the submission and recommendations of the Director Guild of Canada (DGC) in respect of Broadcastin g Public Notices CR TC 2004-58 and CR TC 2005-1.
4. As the DGC submission notes the analog specialty services are very important as contributors of Canadian content and particularly Canadian dramas. The migration from analog to digital should preserve the *status quo* of the established system including linkage rules, simulcast rules and dual status distinctions and genre protection.

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We thank you for this opportunity to provide you with our comments.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Waddell", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Stephen Waddell, National Executive Director, ACTRA

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