



January 19, 1996

Mr. Keith Mahar
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Dear Mr. Mahar:

In your letter dated January 12, you requested information related to the regional offices, Commission members, the regulated basic cable rate for Newmarket and surveys conducted on the demand for proposed specialty services considered in 1994.

The following are our responses to the items you listed in your letter:

- The current staff levels in the regional offices are as follows: Vancouver – 6, Winnipeg – 4, Montréal – 7, and Halifax – 5. These levels were the same at the time the Commission announced the closure of the Toronto Regional Office. Prior to closure, there were 3 staff members at the Toronto office.
- Commissioner Gail Scott was appointed by the Governor in Council as a Regional Commissioner for Ontario and, by Order in Council, is required to reside within 100 kilometers of Toronto. Notwithstanding the closure of the Toronto office due to budget compression and the redeployment of staff from that office, the Commission has provided a work place in Toronto for Commissioner Scott when she is not attending Commission meetings at head office or public hearings in various locations throughout the country.
- With respect to the 18(6) policy decision announced in Public Notice CRTC 1993-74, the notice included the dissenting opinion of those members who chose to make their dissent public, i.e. Commissioners David Colville, Beverley J. Oda and Rob Gordon. The other members who voted on this matter were Keith Spicer, Fernand Bélisle, Louis R. Sherman, Adrian Burns, Garth Dawley, Yves Dupras, Edward Ross, Gail Scott, Peter Senchuk, Claude Sylvestre and Sally Warren.

- The January 1996 cable rate for Newmarket, Ontario would be \$22.65 if Rogers contributes to the Cable Production Fund and \$17.61 if it doesn't.
- The Commission did not conduct surveys or public opinion polls prior to considering applications for new specialty programming services in 1994. A number of interveners and applicants provided either studies or some evidence of demand for proposed service(s). These documents are publicly available and can be obtained via the Commission's public examination room at a cost of \$ 0.15 per page. If you wish to pursue this option, please contact Gilles Vallée at (819) 994-0863 for an estimate of the cost involved.
- The salary ranges for the full-time governor in council appointees to the Commission fall within three categories as follows: Members (GIC 6) - \$88,000 to \$103,600; Vice-Chairmen (GIC 9) - \$117,000 to \$142,400; and Chairman (GIC 10) - \$128,100 to \$155,800. These salary ranges, effective June 1, 1992, were provided by Privy Council Office.
- Attached are the Commission's announcement of the closing of the Toronto Regional Office and a list of past and present Commissioners, both full-time and part-time.

Yours truly,



Betty MacPhee
Access to Information and Privacy Co-ordinator

Enclosures