



Supreme Court Grants Leave to Appeal ISP Case: Audiovisual Coalition Responds

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Toronto – March 24, 2011 – The Supreme Court announced today that it has granted leave to appeal in last year’s Federal Court of Appeal decision holding that content-neutral Internet Service Providers (ISPs) do not act as “broadcasting undertakings” when they provide access through the Internet to audiovisual content.

A coalition – made up of the Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television & Radio Artists (ACTRA), the Canadian Media Production Association (CMPA), the Directors Guild of Canada (DGC) and the Writers Guild of Canada (WGC) – argue that ISPs’ provision of access to audiovisual content is subject to the *Broadcasting Act*. The coalition looks forward to presenting their arguments before the Court on this critical issue for the future of the broadcasting system in Canada.

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