Federal Court



Cour fédérale

Date: 20210908

Docket: T-1364-21

St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, September 8, 2021

PRESENT: The Honourable Madam Justice Heneghan

BETWEEN:

REBEL NEWS NETWORK LTD.

Applicant

and

CANADA (LEADERS' DEBATES COMMISSION/COMMISSION DES DÉBATS DES CHEFS) and THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA

Respondents

ORDER

UPON Motion made before the Court in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador; Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta; and Toronto and Ottawa, Ontario on short notice and on an urgent basis;

AND UPON reading the materials filed by Rebel News Network Ltd. (the "Applicant"), the Leaders' Debates Commission/Commission des Débats des Chefs (the "Commission" or the "First Respondent") and the Attorney General of Canada (the "Attorney General" or the "Second Respondent");

AND UPON hearing counsel for the parties;

AND UPON determining that the Applicant has satisfied the test for an interlocutory mandatory injunction according to the decision in *R.* v. *Canadian Broadcasting Corp.*, [2018] 1 S.C.R. 196;

FOR REASONS TO FOLLOW, THIS COURT ORDERS that the Leaders' Debates Commission / Commission des Débats des Chefs is to grant Rebel News Network Ltd. the media accreditation required to permit 1 journalist to participate in person and 10 journalists to participate virtually, as per the other media organizations, at the Federal Leaders' Debates taking place on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 in the French language and on Thursday, September 9, 2021 in the English language.

"E. Heneghan"
Judge