

*Abstract of the rigorous thesis „Tasks and status of Czech Television“*

There are some problems with interpretation of the valid Act regulating the only public television broadcaster in Czech Republic – Česká televize and it was the main reason for my research.

The thesis is composed of six chapters. Chapter One covers history of television transmitting in Czech Republic, including the main tasks and status of first public television broadcaster – the Czechoslovak Television (ČST).

Chapter Two is subdivided into two parts. Part One describes existing public Czech Television as corporation and explains its main role as public broadcaster of television transmitting. Part Two deals with characteristics and aims of television studios according to up-to-date legislation.

There is detailed description of the public service of Czech Television as a television broadcaster in Chapter Three. There as is also detailed analysis of the main tasks of Czech television as a public broadcaster and there is also history and up-to-date characteristics of the tasks according to valid legislation, including thinking over status of current television of public service and its role in the world.

Chapter Four describes problems and their possible solution of the name “Česká televize”. There are described some particularities of the name and also possible protection of the name of such a corporation according to valid Czech legislation.

Chapter five constitutes the main part of work and includes status and tasks of the Council of Česká televize (Rada ČT) as a controlling body. This chapter is concentrating on problems resulting from the up-to-date problems of interpretation of the regulating act and on some deficiency of status and legal arrangement of the Council. This Chapter describes the function of the Council, election and conditions of the election to the Council and special status of Council and its members as well as acting and making decision by the Council. There also is detailed description and analysis of the rights and duties of the Council, especially description and legal analysis of the right to elect and remove the General Manager of Česká televize, right to check the economy, accounting and property of Česká televize, including right to approve budget and final account of Česká televize. There is an analysis of the body of Council – Supervisory Committee of the Council. There also is description and legal opinion on relationship of the Council and its controlling supervisor – Chamber of Deputies of Parliament of Czech Republic. The last part of chapter Five includes

comparison of status and position of the Council of Česká televize and Council for radio and television broadcast.

Last chapter Six of the thesis is addicted to comparison of public Czech television (Česká televize) and British public broadcaster – British Broadcasting Corporation, (BBC). This chapter includes the main differences between both TVs and includes also comparison of the main tasks of both broadcasters of public service. There is also comparison of controlling bodies of both TVs and description of the status and rights and duties of the BBC Trust and Council of Česká televize. This chapter includes also possible inspiration for Czech legislator with legal arrangement of the role and position of the BBC Trust and also of the relationship between the Trust and the BBC as a corporation.

All chapters include history of legal arrangement and valid legislation of described topic as well as description of the problems and proposal of possible solution of the problems including proposal of new legal wording if reasonable.