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November 20, 2017

Mr. Scott Hutton
Secretary General (Acting)
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Hutton,

**Re: Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-365; CRTC Application #2017-0586-5 by
Pelmorex Weather Networks (Television) Inc.**

As the Member of Parliament for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, I am writing to indicate my support for the application by Pelmorex for the continued and permanent distribution of The Weather Network and MétéoMédia on the basic TV service.

I support The Weather Network application because it is an essential public service which keeps me and the communities in my riding informed and safe. The Weather Network's distribution of local Environment Canada warnings, air quality indicators and road conditions is vital to my constituents. The Weather Network makes an essential contribution to public safety by operating and funding the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination System, the backbone infrastructure of Canada's national emergency alerting system. It is, therefore, important that all my constituents, especially the elderly or those with fixed incomes, are able to continue to access The Weather Network in an affordable and convenient manner as part of the basic cable and satellite service.



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Additionally, many of the communities in my riding have no local broadcasters serving them, certainly none who provide local weather and public safety information on a continuous basis. I want the CRTC to ensure that The Weather Network remains on the basic TV service for those constituents. Many of my constituents must also drive long distances to travel to work, shopping, community events etc. The weather reports and road conditions provided by The Weather Network are important to their day-to-day lives. The Commission must ensure this vital service remains part of the basic TV service on a permanent basis.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my request. I have also sent a copy of this letter to Pelmorex Communications. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carol Hughes', written in a cursive style.

Carol Hughes, MP
Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing