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Mr. Scott Hutton
Secretary General (Acting)
Canadian Radio-television and
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November 30, 2017

**Submission in Response to the Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-365;
CRTC Application #2017-0586-5 by Pelmorex Weather Networks (Television) Inc.**

Dear Mr. Hutton,

I am writing in support of Pelmorex's application for the continued and permanent distribution of The Weather Network and MétéoMédia on basic television service.

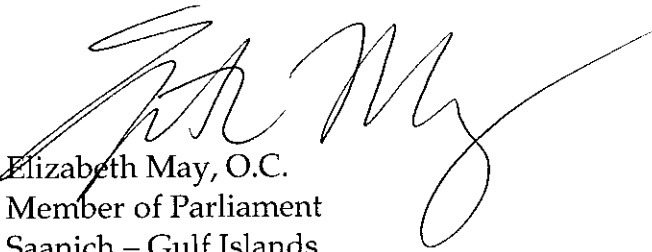
The Weather Network is an essential public service that keeps communities across Canada informed and safe. My riding of Saanich – Gulf Islands is particularly vulnerable to strong winds and storms, which greatly affect the ferry services upon which many of my island-bound constituents rely. The Weather Network's distribution of local Environment Canada warnings and road conditions are essential to their well-being, particularly as many communities do not have the benefit of a local broadcaster to provide such information.

As we continue to feel the growing effects of climate change through severe weather events, it is vital that all citizens have affordable and convenient access to the Weather Network as a part of basic cable and satellite service. This past summer BC suffered its worst wildfire season on record. British Columbians depended upon The Weather Network for warnings, of both fire and smoke. Saanich and the Gulf Islands were

spared from the inferno this time, but everyone along the west coast kept an eye out for the Smoky Skies Bulletin, air quality warnings regarding wildfire smoke from the mainland polluting the air.

On behalf of my constituents, I ask that you approve Pelmorex's application and keep The Weather Network and MétéoMédia's essential service easily accessible and affordable to all Canadians.

Sincerely,



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From: Kurt Eby <keby@pelmorex.com>
Sent: November 8, 2017 9:12 AM
To: May, Elizabeth - M.P.
Subject: Support The Weather Network by December 8
Attachments: Sample Submission Letter.docx; How to Submit Comments to the CRTC.PDF

Ms. May,

I wanted to follow up on an email we sent to you two weeks ago encouraging you to help keep The Weather Network and MétéoMédia available to all Canadians by sending a letter on behalf of your constituents to the CRTC supporting our licence renewal application.

Keeping The Weather Network on the basic television service will ensure that we can continue providing: around-the-clock local weather information; televised weather alerts; funding for and operation of Canada's national emergency alerting system; and programming that reflects Canada's unique relationship with our weather and climate.

Ensuring The Weather Network remains on the basic television service is a bi-partisan issue. During our 2010 licence renewal process, 55 Members of Parliament sent letters to the CRTC supporting our application, including 25 Liberal Party MPs, 18 Conservative Party MPs, 11 NDP MPs, and one Member of the Bloc Québécois.

We hope for more support from Members of Parliament this year as broad support from MPs of all parties and regions will send a strong message to the CRTC about the value of our services. In supporting us you would be joining the more than five thousand Canadians who have already sent letters of support to the CRTC, as well as stakeholder organizations such as the National Pensioners Federation, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Arctic Co-operatives Limited and the North American Indigenous Games Host Society, to name a few.

The CRTC has extended the comment deadline to December 8. We have attached a support letter template to help you draft a letter should you choose to support our application. Please contact us if you would like help with drafting.

We have also provided instructions on how to submit a letter to the CRTC.


Please visit <https://support.theweathernetwork.com/> or contact us directly if you have any questions about our application or the renewal process.

We hope we can count on your support!

Thank you for your consideration,
Kurt



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