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Mr. Scott Hutton
Secretary General (Acting)
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario
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Georgina Jolibois
Member of Parliament
Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River

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

Dear Mr. Hutton,

I am Georgina Jolibois, Member of Parliament for Desnethé—Missinippi—Churchill River. 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 northern Saskatchewan informed and safe. The Weather Network's distribution of local Environment Canada warnings, air quality indicators and road conditions is vital to my constituents. Northerners are at fore front of the effects of climate change. In fact, we have recently experienced a violent wildfire that caused the evacuation of members of Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation. 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.

What's more, many of my constituents who live in remote areas must drive long distances to travel to work, reach health services, shopping and community events. This is also my case when I travel back and forth between La Loche and Ottawa. I must drive down to Saskatoon to catch my flight to the Nation's Capital. The weather reports and road conditions provided by The Weather Network are important to our day-to-day lives in northern Saskatchewan. The Commission must ensure this vital service remains part of the basic TV service on a permanent basis.

Thank you for your consideration. Please note that I have sent a copy of this letter to Pelmorex Communications.

Yours truly,

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