

December 8, 2017

Mr. Chris Seidl  
Secretary General (Acting)  
Canadian Radio-television and  
Telecommunications Commission  
Ottawa Ontario K1A 0N2

Dear Mr. Seidl:

Re: **Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-365; Application #2017-0586-5 by Pelmorex Weather Networks Inc to Renew the Licence of "The Weather Network/MeteoMedia"**

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) supports The Weather Network's application to remain on the basic television service. It is important to OPG and other utilities and services to continue to operate the backbone infrastructure of the national emergency alerting system ensuring safety of all Canadians.

The Wireless Public Alerting service is important to notify members of the public within the geographic vicinity of an incident station that there has been an event and what recommendations are being provided. This includes residents of the area as well as others temporarily in the area connected to a given cell tower.

Having a television channel provide this messaging as part of the basic cable package will increase coverage to local residents who do not have a modern cell phone. This television messaging vector will not notify non-residents temporarily nearby to an incident station, however together, both services will provide maximal coverage to the nearby population.

The Weather Network is well positioned to provide an important public notification service. OPG relies on and hopes to continue to see this provided on the basic television package. This service will enhance our ability to reach residents, visitors and businesses in our surrounding municipalities in the unlikely event of an emergency.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on The Weather Network Licence Renewal application. We look forward to our continued partnership with Pelmorex in the future and their key role in alerting citizens of emergencies in our communities.

Best Regards,



Sean Granville  
Deputy Chief Nuclear Officer  
Ontario Power Generation