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Mr. Scott Hutton
Secretary General (Acting)
Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N2

**Re: Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-365;
Application # 2017-0586-5 by Pelmorex Weather Networks Inc. to renew the licence**

Dear Mr. Hutton,

The Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (CMOS) supports the application by Pelmorex Weather Networks Inc. to renew their broadcast licence and to extend the requirement that the Weather Network / MétéoMédia both remain part of the basic cable or satellite service that Canadians receive for the next seven years.

CMOS is the national not-for-profit association whose objective is to promote the advancement of the sciences of meteorology and oceanography in Canada and to ensure that Canadians benefit as much as possible from public services based on those sciences.

As their national scientific society, CMOS represents the views of hundreds of professional meteorologists in the public, academic and private sectors across the country. We believe that the vital information broadcast by Pelmorex Weather Networks Inc. on its two weather channels, one in English and one in French, must continue to be readily available to all Canadians as part of the basic cable or satellite service. These two channels fulfill a basic need of everyone to have readily accessible, up-to-date, accurate and comprehensive weather information tailored to their locality, in order to maximize public health, safety and economic efficiency. In many communities across the country these channels are the only such source.

The Weather Network / MétéoMédia provide critical information to Canadians that other television channels do not. Information such as UV indexes, humidity levels, pollen-counts and air quality reports help Canadians and organizations plan their days and events. The Weather Network / MétéoMédia makes an invaluable contribution to the safety of Canadians by operating the backbone infrastructure of the national emergency alerting system. We regard these two channels as an essential basic service and believe they should be treated as such by the CRTC.

Sincerely,

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