

October 27th, 2017

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 of The Weather Network/MétéoMédia

Dear Mr. Hutton,

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, as one of 36 Conservation Authorities across the province of Ontario, is a community based environmental agency that protects, restores and manages natural resources based upon a watershed(s) jurisdictional area. The Toronto Region Conservation's jurisdiction covers nine watersheds which are home to over 3 million people – one third of the population of Ontario – covering approximately 3,470 square kilometers. The TRCA has six partner or member municipalities including: the City of Toronto; the Regional Municipalities of Durham, Peel and York; the Township of Adjala – Tosoronto and the Town of Mono.

Toronto Region Conservation operates a Flood Forecasting and Warning Program and is responsible to our municipal stakeholders to monitor and advise of riverine flood risk to life and property throughout our jurisdiction.

The Weather Network provides local weather forecasts including storm watches and warnings to each community across the Province. Within our area, the Weather Network also provides a vital safety role by advising the public of flood and water related safety risks associated with local rivers, streams and ponds by passing along our safety and flood risk messages when issued. These public service announcements assist municipalities and partner agencies including Conservation Authorities in ensuring the public are advised of risks related to both watershed conditions and on current and pending weather.

Based upon this important role in advising the general public of both weather and surface water risks, Toronto Region Conservation supports the Weather Network's application to remain as part of basic television service.

We believe that removal of The Weather Network from basic cable could adversely affect public safety by removing an important communication avenue, which is an effective means of alerting the residents of our communities of impending severe weather, including flood hazards.

The service which the Weather Network provides is, in our view, essential and should continue to be readily available and affordable on basic cable for the residents of Ontario.

Sincerely,



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Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for The Living City

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