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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**

1. The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police was established in 1905 and represents approximately 1,000 police leaders from across Canada. The Association is dedicated to the support and promotion of efficient law enforcement and to the protection and security of the people of Canada. Through its member police chiefs and other senior police executives, the CACP represents in excess of 90% of the police community in Canada which include federal (RCMP), First Nations, provincial, regional and municipal, transportation and military police leaders.
2. We are pleased to intervene in this proceeding in clear support of The Weather Network and MétéoMédia's application to remain on the basic television service for the next seven years. The Weather Network's programming and commitment to emergency alerting make invaluable contributions to public safety that should remain available to all Canadians at no extra cost.
3. In many communities across Canada The Weather Network and MétéoMédia are the only source of local weather information, which is an important public safety tool. Accurate road safety information and weather alerts, in particular, help Canadians plan accordingly, which reduces the volume of road incidences thereby alleviating pressure on law enforcement resources.
4. The Weather Network and MétéoMédia also make a unique contribution to public safety by operating and funding the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination (NAAD) System. Emergency alerts are an essential resource for keeping Canadians out of harm's way. Police forces across the country have access to the NAAD System to issue AMBER Alerts. In recent cases, AMBER Alerts issued over the NAAD System have directly contributed to the safe recovery of abducted children.

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5. Many Canadians will have to pay more for, or will lose access to, The Weather Network and MétéoMédia if they are removed from the basic television service. Like many Canadians, the CACP and its members consider The Weather Network and MétéoMédia essential public services that should continue to be distributed on the basic television service across Canada.
6. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proceeding.

Yours sincerely,



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