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**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**

I am a professor in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Alberta. I am also a former president of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society. Given that background related to the atmospheric sciences, issues related to weather and climate information is of great importance to me.

Thus I strongly support the Weather Network's application to remain on the basic television service for the next seven years. Reasons include:

- The Weather Network has responsibilities to provide critical information to Canadians that other television channels do not. It's coverage of issues related to climate change, in particular, will only become increasingly important.
- Information such as UV indexes, humidity levels, pollen counts and air quality reports help Canadians and organizations plan their days and events.
- No local TV or radio news delivers weather information around the clock, making it available whenever Canadians need it. That is why it important for The Weather Network to be available to all Canadians that subscribe to a television service without having to pay an extra fee.
- The Weather Network makes an invaluable contribution to the safety of Canadians by operating the backbone infrastructure of the national emergency alerting system.
- The Weather Network is more of a public service than it is a normal TV channel. One of the many ways it earns this mandate is by going above and beyond what other broadcasters do to assist organizations like ours in explaining the science of the atmospheric and educating Canadians on environmental topics that are important to all of us.



To conclude, I wish to re-iterate that the Weather Network is more than a normal TV channel and provides information and education important for the safety and health of all Canadians. Thus it needs to remain as part of the basic television service!

Paul Myers

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