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Ms. Danielle May-Cuconato
Secretary General
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

Dear Ms. Cuconato:

We are responding to Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2017-365 regarding applications for the renewal of services with mandatory distribution on the basic service, in particular the renewal of the broadcasting licence of Pelmorex Weather Networks.

It is important for communities across Canada to have the most detailed weather information possible. Pelmorex currently provides weather reports and forecasts at the community level across Canada.

In addition, Pelmorex provides important safety and environmental information and services which help Canadians plan and stay safe through the operation and funding of the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination System, the backbone infrastructure of Canada's public alerting system.

FCM supported the renewal of the Pelmorex licence in 2010, and we continue to support the renewal of the Pelmorex licence during the current 2017 consultation. We urge the Commission to renew the order for mandatory distribution of this service on the digital basic service, pursuant to section 9(1)(h) of the *Broadcasting Act*.

In order to ensure that communities across Canada have the most accurate and detailed weather information, as well as a modern public alerting system, we support keeping The Weather Network/ MétéoMédia on basic cable and satellite service.

Sincerely,

Brock Carlton
Chief Executive Officer

c: Mr. Kurt Eby, Pelmorex Weather Networks

