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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 241513

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As senior citizens who travel within Canada by automobile throughout the year we find the availability of Weather Network information in the basic portion of our cable package a valuable safety resource. As well, their many educational segments concerning weather matters are interesting, informative, and assist in keeping us safe during inclement weather. Please keep this valuable service in the basic cable package.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-22

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 558

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242107

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Bonjour, j'ai 65 ans, je suis retraite et je regarde Meteo Media ainsi que le Weather Network tous les jours avant de sortir soit en bicyclette, a pied ou en auto pour etre sur d'eviter les tempetes, verglas, et de m'habiller en consequence. je regarde le poste francais ainsi que le poste anglais pour les reportages differents sur l'environnement, sur les endroits a visiter, et bien sur pour la meteo. je n'ecoute pas la radio, donc ces deux postes sont toujours la pour que je jette ou coup d'oeil sur la meteo juste avant de sortir.

Merci, Diane

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 22

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 241525

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I believe the choice is obvious. I don't have to reach far to give my primary reason The Weather network should remain part of basic television service ...those without internet service...without cable service need access to weather information. My parents are in a rural area that cannot or does not have the option of these things We urban dwellers take for granted. Keep The Weather Network on basic television service, many seniors need access.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-26

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1642

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243098

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Ne touchez pas à mon Météo-Média s.v.p. Pour moi, cela signifierait tout simplement le retrait de mon émission matinale. Je n'ai plus les moyens financiers pour rajouter une autre dépense. Je suis retraité, et tout coûte de plus en plus cher. Alors bref, renouveler la licence de Météo-Média dans le forfait de base.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 35

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 241540

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Being a senior with no easy access to information (no I phone or I pad) and no regular delivery of the local paper, we rely on the TV for our weather information. Living on the West Coast this is very important for when we have the many winter storms. We would definitely not like to see any changes where this would cost more or even a chance of losing this service.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1901

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243496

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Je demande que la station Météomédia demeure parmi les services de base.

Je suis semi-retraité. Je suis abonné seulement aux services de TV de base.

Je consulte MétéoMédia tous les jours pour planifier mes activités (travaux extérieurs, loisirs) et mes déplacements (vêtements, périodes favorables).

MétéoMédia offre un service ESSENTIEL. Ce n'est pas du divertissement, c'est de l'information stratégique ayant un volet de SÉCURITÉ.

S'il n'existait pas de façon aussi utile et professionnelle, c'est le Gouvernement qui devrait l'assurer, aux frais des contribuables.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-19

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 73

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 241583

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I check the weather Network every day in order to plan my activities and what to wear. I also use it to plan family events so as to have a good chance of favourable weather conditions. The weather alerts are also a very helpful tool. I believe that the Weather Network should remain on basic cable so as to enable everyone to access this important service, especially those who would not otherwise be able to afford it, such as some senior citizens. Their needs should especially be taken into consideration.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-30

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3027

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244637

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Avec les grands changements dans la météo d'un jour à l'autre et d'une région à l'autre, il est critique que tous les canadiens aient accès aux prévisions les plus à jour pour leur région à tout moment de la journée quelque soit leur situation financière. Cela peut par exemple empêcher qu'une personne âgée vivant dans un village éloigné prenne la route alors qu'une tempête ou de la pluie verglaçante est annoncée. Cela peut sauver des vies.

Météo Media doit faire partie des services de base de la télévision et doit être accessible à tous les canadiens particulièrement ceux à faible revenu, comme les personnes âgées vivant seules.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-28

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2114

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243721

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Météo-média est la manière dont je me renseigne à tous les jours concernant la météo de ma région. J'apprécie particulièrement les alertes météo que me permette par exemple de protéger mon jardin, de serrer les articles qui pourraient s'envoler et blesser quelqu'un.

Étant à la retraite et n'ayant pas de très gros moyens, J'apprécierai que vous laissiez météo-média accessible pour nous.

Merci de votre écoute.

Diane Morel

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-19

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 85

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 241591

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a senior citizen who is still working full time. I watch the weather network every morning and usually in the evenings as well in order to know how to dress, whether there will be a delay in the public transit due to weather or whether I should stay home in a major storm.

As a senior citizen, I am very conscious of any increases in my costs. I cannot afford to increase my cable costs (am actually trying to reduce them) and would not want to see TWN as an "extra" but think it should remain as part of the basic TV service.

I think that the emergency alerts are an important public service and I rely on the weather alerts to plan my day so I remain safe.

I am not good with the internet and there is no other alternative other than the TV to get the information provided on TWN.

Please keep this station on the air as part of the basic TV package so that I can continue to have the benefits of their programming to keep me informed and safe.

Thanks you

Nancy L Burke

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-31

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3419

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 245063

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

En tant que retraitée dont nous formons la majorité de la population actuelle, il est primordial de conserver ces postes sans frais. Sachez que les revenus de retraite obligent de réduire considérablement nos dépenses. Perdre la gratuité enlèverait un outil essentiel pour la sécurité de milliers de gens. En vieillissant, il est important de tenir compte des alertes météo ici et ailleurs. La variété d'information est une source éducative pour toute la population.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 108

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 241614

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network is our constant source of weather information. We depend on it. I work with seniors across the country and know from them that seniors count on TWN on a daily basis.

As a business person who runs outdoor events, I depend on it for my planning and execution.

Everyone, especially those who cannot afford more expensive cable and satellite TV packages should continue to have access to The Weather Network on the basic TV service. That is a no-brainer and we are surprised anyone would suggest otherwise. They rely on The Weather Network's coverage to plan and stay safe.

Yes!! The Weather Network must stay as a basic service so Canadians. Especially seniors who do not have access to, or are uncomfortable using, broadband Internet should have access to weather news on TV. Remember, our research shows that although 70% of seniors have access to the internet, only have of them - 30% - actually use it for anything other than the occasional email with family...and then with help from a friend or relative. Seniors need their weather info on TV.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-03

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4486

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 246159

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Je suis retraité et je suis toujours dehors! Regarder MétéoMedia est la première et la dernière chose que je fais dans la journée pour savoir ce qu'aujourd'hui et demain nous apporte. C'est aussi très pratique pour avoir une idée de ce qui s'en vient comme température, pour faire nos bagages et l'état des routes.

À garder. ils sont indispensables!

**Copy sent to applicant and to any respondent if applicable:** Yes

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-19

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 118

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 241625

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

To whom it may concern: I am a retired senior living on a fixed income. I provide assistance to my elderly mother in all facets of her life (daily comings and goings, providing transportation to and from her greeter position at a nearby Walmart, recreational outings, trips to doctors and dentists, etc). I am a subscriber, as is she, to the basic cable service in our area. In both households, the very first thing that is done in the morning is to turn on the television and tune to the Weather Network. It helps us to make critical decisions in regards to the 'flow' of the day - what to wear, when to go out, exercise (walking), bad weather to avoid, etc. In my house, the Weather Network remains on in the background as I perform the tasks of the day. As you can see, it has become a treasured, integral part of our lives on a daily basis. It provides us with timely information and alerts us to impending bad weather situations that we might otherwise be unaware of, allowing us to prepare or react accordingly. It would be a great loss if the Weather Network was 'bumped' from the basic cable package, monetarily and in denying us access to pertinent and potentially dangerous situations that have an impact on our lives. So, I am asking you to maintain the Weather Network as part of the basic cable package in our area so our access to it can be maintained. Thank you, in anticipation, sincerely Jennifer Giel and Eleanor Morrison (mother)

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-04

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4891

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 246600

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Je suis un retraité et je planifie mes voyages et mes activités sportives en consultant les prévisions de Météo Média. Ce service est très important pour planifier mes activités au quotidien.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 126

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 241634

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

RE: Licence renewal for The Weather Network and MétéoMédia  
Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2017-365  
Application #2017-0596-5 by Pelmorex Communications Inc.

Dear Mr. Doucet,

The Canada Safety Council (CSC) is Canada's national, not-for-profit, knowledge-based safety organization. Please visit our Web site to see the scope and importance of our work ([canadasafetycouncil.org](http://canadasafetycouncil.org)). We feel the work of Pelmorex's Weather Channel is of significant importance to all Canadians. It provides an early warning public safety opportunity for citizens to "batten down the hatches" in severe weather. It also provides a wide array of important safety related messages through its programming, through its National Aggregation and Dissemination System which shares threat-to-life emergency messages with TV and radio broadcasters, and through their upcoming connection in 2018 to all wireless providers which will provide the opportunity to distribute these safety messages directly to smartphones. Were these messages not available, it could result in unexpected tragedy. The Weather Network must not be removed from basic services to ensure that all Canadians, including those in low-income situations, are equally protected by advance weather warning information.

We view The Weather Network as an important Canadian source of public information on safety related environmental issues. We support their application for renewal. In our opinion, a fully informed public is crucial for safety reasons. Such unavailability of service can cause critical safety information to be missed.

We sincerely hope you will give favourable consideration to the application.

We are sending Mr. Paul Temple, Senior Vice President, Regulatory and Strategic Affairs, Pelmorex Media Inc. a copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Jack Smith  
President  
Canada Safety Council

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**Client Information**

**Comments regarding TWN/MM  
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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-04

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5192

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 246923

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Je suis retraité et je fais du vélo 12 mois par année, incluant l'hiver avec un vélo de neige (fat bike). Avant de partir j'ai besoin de connaître les prévisions météo d'heure en heure pour planifier mes randonnées. Je suis aussi un chasseur et j'ai besoin de connaître la température, la direction des vents et leur vitesse d'heure en heure pour planifier ma chasse. Mes besoins vont bien au-delà des bulletins météo sommaires diffusés par les chaînes généralistes telles que la SRC et TVA. Je considère que je ne doit pas avoir à payer un supplément et que la chaîne Météomédia doit continuer à être offerte dans le forfait de base des cablodistributeurs.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-19

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 160

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 241674

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I watch the weather network every day-it is my connection to the outside world. I am a senior with mobility issues and the weather network helps me decide a) whether or not I can go outside, b) what to wear, c) which mobility aid I need to use and d) whether I need to call for transportation assistance.

In my younger years I was a great traveler and have always had a great care for the safety and welfare of the planet. The weather network keeps me updated regarding active weather in the many places I have lived, the help needed to respond to communities in crises and the new and innovative ideas being put forth for ongoing protection of our beautiful one-and -only-planet.

To lose the weather network would be a great sadness and shrink my world immeasurably.

Thank-you.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5746

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 247508

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Comme je suis retraitée, j'utilise météo-média à tous les jours pour planifier mes sorties, le travail sur mon terrain, le jardinage, les randonnées de bicyclette, mes jours de marche. Pendant la saison hivernale c'est essentiel pour prévoir les sorties à l'extérieur et l'état des routes. Bref j'apprécie beaucoup météo-média.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-19

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 163

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 241677

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather network is very important to me as I am a senior and I need to know what the weather will be like before I go outside especially in Winter when I could be injured in a slip or fall.

I watch the Weather network 8 hours a day and I would really miss it if it was discontinued.

The weather network is the most interesting program on TV besides the local news

I would be very disappointed if you discontinue the Weather network.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-20

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 250

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 241769

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We watch The Weather Network each and every morning and throughout the day. We watch it even more when alerts are in place. We use the information from The Weather Network to decide what we will wear, and what activities we will do for the day.

The warnings are heeded by us to help keep us safe.

We enjoy the educational news and weather updates segments.

As seniors, we cannot afford to pay higher costs for this service.

Please leave The Weather Network on basic TV service.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-05

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 6621

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 248317

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Bonjour,

Étant un retraité qui s'adonne à chaque jour à des activités externes pour conserver mon état de santé, je dois connaître à l'avance les prévisions de la météo afin de planifier mon horaire d'exercices. MétéoMedia me procure ce service recherché. J'apprécierais de conserver ce service dans la forme et aux conditions actuelles.

Merci!

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 289

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 241815

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am writing to show my support for The Weather Network to remain part of basic service for TV. This is the most important channel for all citizens of Canada to have access to. It is our source of news, alerts, and updates and we guide our decisions in regards to personal safety and property protection as well as travel plans (many medical) on the information provided. We trust their reporting and feel they meet our needs wherever we are at Canada. I would be concerned for the many seniors that could not afford to pay extra to have this channel continued should it no longer be provided as part of basic TV to them. This isnt an option type of channel-its a necessary and important service to all Canadians.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 338

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 241863

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I utilize the services of the Weather Network frequently throughout every day of the year. I am an avid outdoor enthusiast and I rely upon the Weather Network to plan ahead in the short, medium and long term for my safety and comfort. In addition, I find their services related to my auto travel essential to safe travel particularly during the most inclement times of the year.

While other broadcasters provide some information, no other service provides as detailed, accurate or precise location based information on which to make informed decisions. As a senior with a limited income I believe that the Weather Network provides an essential service that should remain accessible on the basic cable services.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-20

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 349

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 241874

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I tune into and use the Weather Network's forecasts each and every morning to plan my day. I commute to another city for work every day. From point A to point B, the weather can be totally different. By turning on The Weather Network I receive the most updated reports for each area. I can determine how to continue with my day based on the weather conditions, updated warnings during inclement weather and other weather related news stories. All in real time. If necessary I can leave work early if deemed appropriate and stay safe. This is also the station I tune into at the end of the day in preparation for the following morning.

I also rely on my mobile app to provide me with alerts.

My daughter commutes to a community college 40 plus kilometers per day. The forecast helps her keep safe as she can make a determination of whether to drive to school that day or not. The road travel conditions and weather information and news are all in the same place. There is no local alternative on a real time continuous basis.

I strongly agree that this should be part of the regular cable programming. Basic cable is already not affordable for many and this additional cost could impact many people. Seniors and those with limited incomes who already struggle.

In conclusion, I support The Weather Network's application.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-21

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 474

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242020

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Hello CRTC: I believe that The Weather Network should stay in the Basic Cable package. I am a senior and I depend daily on TWN to see what the weather will be each day, if it will rain, snow, sleet, freeze over, fog, etc. It informs me about what I should wear, bring an umbrella, and whether to walk, take the bus, call a taxi for various appointments, or to cancel and stay home. I love the educational aspects of it and the weather from all around the world too. I also receive the email Alerts which came in very handy over the summer, when so many storms were headed our way. I look forward to the new proposed features, such as learning about the weather and its effects in the North, and climate change. I also watch Météo Média (the French weather network) a few times a week to practice my French. So in conclusion, please ensure that The Weather Network stays in the Basic Cable package so that seniors like myself can continue to afford it. Thank you!

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10808

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 252553

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Bonjour,

J'appuie Météo-Média dans sa demande. Étant à la retraite, Météo-Média me permet de mieux planifier mes journées, d'éviter mes déplacements à cause des conditions de la route. Il est important que ce canal puisse nous fournir les renseignements nécessaires lors d'alerte d'urgence.

J'apprécie énormément le travail que font les commentateurs. Ils sont intéressants et savent allier humour et sérieux.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 517

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242065

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** Yes

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I feel there are numerous reasons why the Weather Network should be available to all, within basic cable!! My number one reason is, safety reasons. I live in New Brunswick. I rely on this channel for storm updates, especially in the winter, ie: driving conditions, what to expect, how to dress, how to prepare. There are many seniors not comfortable using the internet, they would rely on this channel for safety information on storms. Yes news channels have this information, (although not as specific on the things I mentioned), but the Weather Network is 24/7 during storms. It's nice to see what's going on in nearby towns/provinces as well during these times, especially when traveling for work. They give a lot of road conditions. This channel isn't just a "for fun" channel, people rely on it for all the information I've stated, as well as so much more....sun protection, UV index, tornado warnings, flood warnings, etc. etc. the list could go on and on. I don't have another source I could go to for all of this information. If this change is being done for monetary purposes, I think it's a shame, as it's a service to help people, that people rely on. We've had this channel available for yrs. If there were a better alternative, I think it would've happened already!! Aside from safety issues, I have this channel on, as many others do, multiple times a day. It will be very sad, and leave people not aware of weather conditions to look out for, as so many now are going for basic cable. Again, it's not as if people have strayed to other weather information sites, everyone I know gets use of the Weather Network, so I think for all of the above, we should still have it in basic cable.

**Raisons pour comparaitre / Reasons for appearance**

I would love to appear, but assuming this will take place in Ont. Since I live in New Brunswick, I'm assuming I wouldn't be able to make it, but would love to if possible. I feel my comments are sufficient, (above). If I were to appear, I would discuss my comments in more detail.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 540

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242089

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As a disabled person on a limited income I rely totally on the Weather Channel & need it to remain as a Basic Cable option. I refer constantly to the Weather Channel & appreciate all the information it provides so I can plan & prepare. There are many disabled, senior, people on a limited income that could not afford the Weather Channel if it wasn't part of the Basic Cable Package. It is necessary to so many people lives so please have the Weather Channel remain as it is, affordable to all. Thank you.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 549

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242098

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Hello,

My name is Donald Champ

I believe that the Weather Network needs to be on Basic Cable TV since it is the main source of reliable, understandable and well-explained weather warnings and alerts for senior citizens and others who do not or cannot use smart phones.

Thus, it is needed to keep Canadians safe.

It is also essential for providing weather information to people in smaller communities.

Finally, the Weather Network is the best source of weather and weather-related information for the public that I have ever known; I am a long retired professional meteorologist.

Thanks

Don Champ

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 567

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242116

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The first thing we do each & every morning as soon as we rise is turn on the Weather Channel. We, as seniors, survive on a limited income hence we could NOT afford the extra cost if it does not continue as a basic TV service. Emergency alerts have helped our family more than once. Gardening is an important hobby for us so we rely on the forecast as far as planing & working in our garden.

Please keep this as a basic TV service!

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 632

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242187

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

re Application # 2017-0586-5 Consultation # 2017-365

I need the Weather network and watch it several times daily.

I am a Senior. I watch this great resource in order to know how to prepare for the day. I need to know what to wear on a given day or the next couple of days. I need to know if it is safe to venture outdoors, or safe to travel. This is urgent for me, as I live in a rural area. There are many, many Seniors in this country who count on the information relayed to us by The Weather Network to keep ourselves safe. It is also very informative and educational. I believe that this must be a free, basic service to all Canadians.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 641

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242196

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The information provided on an hourly basis by the weather network is crucial maintaining public safety. Especially for those who have no alternative means of accessing the information due to vulnerability created by their circumstance. The less than computer literate senior who is on a fixed income should not be forced to pay more for to access this information!

The CRTC already forces us to bring information into our homes that we do not want, or find objectionable, simply because it is considered basic cable.

The weather network provides weather alerts, road conditions, instructions and how too's on how to prepare for and react to a weather emergency. All information vital to public safety so therefore should be considered an ESSENTIAL SERVICE and included in all basic cable packages.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-22

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 666

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242226

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My Wife and I are seniors and we depend heavily on the Weather Network for many reasons. We both are from Indigenous backgrounds and live as close to Mother Earth as possible. We fish in the summer time to provide our family's food, cut our own wood and dry it, smoke our own fish, and spend much of our time outside gardening. As seniors we find that the service we presently receive serves us extremely well and we feel that their license should be renewed with out question. Also due to the frequency and severity of the storms year round, it is in the interest of the public to receive this service, as is presently, for safety reasons as well. There are many articles that only the Weather Network covers that the major networks don't. If we lose this service due to lack of license renewal the public sin our area would suffer a huge loss... Thank you for your consideration.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 669

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242230

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a Senior citizen living in Calgary Alberta. The first thing I do in the morning is turn on the Weather channel. It is the last thing I check at night. I rely heavily on the weather forecasting, emergency alerts and weather education that it provides. I have done so for many, many years.

I am distressed to hear that the CRTC may force this program into the position of having to remove it from Basic Cable Packages. This channel is NOT entertainment. It is public service information. CRTC should recognize this kind of public service as part of its mandate to Canadians.

In Alberta our weather is notoriously changeable. I can rely on the Weather Network to provide me with immediate and accurate weather information. What they provide is NOT available anywhere else in ONE easily accessible location.

It is commonly assumed that everyone is on the internet nowadays. That's simply not true! Maybe for the youngest demographic but not middle-aged and senior citizens. The majority of us have limited computer skills and diminishing eyesight. So we are not comfortable spending more time on a PC or Ipad or Iphone than we already need to.

So please consider the needs of the majority of your population base, that's us, the older folks. Remember too we are living on limited incomes or pensions. Asking us to increase our cable bills so we can access this one very valuable channel is unfair.

Let's keep things the way they are. The Weather Network provides an outstanding and necessary public service. Don't put more obstacles in its way.

Thank you.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 693

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242258

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I believe that basic cable with the weather network is essential for seniors and other people who do not have more complex systems that require computers, and other attachments such as Roku . I am seventy four years old and even though I have the more complex systems, I find that I use basic cable and especially weather channel and global and channel 26 which I believe is part of basic cable for getting ready for my day, to know what is going on in my world and any time I want information quickly I go to the weather net work. I also believe to discontinue some of the essential channels on basic cable will leave most people in my age group and even in their sixties without the means of finding information and entertainment when they are already limited in their quality of life... why take away the basic cable it is like you are punishing those that are unable to become technocrats or at least those that have no way to hook up to the internet or who can not afford to do so. Do you even care about that or have you even thought about it... if not do and remember for us that like the internet, if I had to choose, I would probably say, what we had served to enhance my life and my families for close to fifty years,,, so why throw out the baby with the bathwater or something like that.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 708

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242273

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

1. We are seniors who rely on the Weather Network (WN) on the basic channel lineup, to keep us up to date with local weather and weather alerts.
2. We find the presenters on the WN are very informative and helpful.
3. My wife has chronic asthma and requires to know when high humidity levels in summer and degree of windchill in the winter is likely to occur. This enables her to prepare and protect herself against susceptible conditions. This is only possible for us via the WN.
4. As local TV channels such as CHCH have reduced their news and weather forecast frequencies due to budgetary restraints we Rely on the WN for reliable, detailed weather information at any time of the day.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 866

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242418

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Our family has basic cable (Rogers), and we use The Weather Network every day. We use the information to plan our daily and long-range activities, what to wear, when to cover up the plants in cold weather, when to water them, etc. We are well aware that in case of disasters, Amber Alerts, etc., we can rely on The Weather Network to keep us informed and therefore safer. We are seniors and cannot afford all the specialty channels that are currently on the market. We also don't have all the new technology so keeping basic services is essential to our well-being. And we do regard The Weather Network as a basic essential service. There are many times when the TV is on in our house, and it's The Weather Network doing its thing, over and over. And we are not alone in this TV habit. Many of our friends have The Weather Network on all the time. As Canadians, we talk about the weather, a lot. It makes sense that we watch The Weather Network, a lot. Thank you.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 994

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242545

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** Yes

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Please see the attached, uploaded file. I have made a strong case for renewing this licence.

**Raisons pour comparaitre / Reasons for appearance**

I wish to make a case for my mother, who is a senior with some mobility issues, and who wishes to have this channel available to help her. She also suffers from severe weather-related migraines, and is better able to prepare for her health challenges if she is able to keep a close eye on imminent atmospheric conditions.

I also wish to make a case for myself, as I have commitments during the winter months that require me to be able to drive or somehow take the TTC during terrible weather conditions.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1009

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242561

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network is very important to me.

I am an active senior and belong to a seniors' outdoors club that hikes, skies, and snowshoes in the mountains and Foothills of Alberta year round.

We rely on the Weather Network for forecasts of road and weather conditions to help us choose the best locations for our weekly outings. This helps us to choose the safest areas and routes, and to adjust our gear and expectations accordingly.

Our outings are important for maintaining our health and mobility, and to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us.

Safety is most important to us and we rely on the Weather Network to keep us up to date of forecasts that could prove hazardous to our trips.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-24

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1136

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242696

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a severely handicapped senior citizen. I find the Pelmorex Weather Network an invaluable asset in decisions on whether I can safely venture out on any given day, and I can place confidence in their forecasts.

I am strongly in favour of renewing the license planning my day

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1248

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242815

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I feel that it is vitally important to all Canadians to continue having The Weather Network available on a basic cable plan. As a senior citizen, I cannot afford to pay for additional cable costs in order to continue watching The Weather Network. I use The Weather Network daily to find out about possible threatening and damaging active weather in my area, and then can plan my daily routine in such a manner as to stay safe.

During the 2017 spring floods, The Weather Networks excellent coverage of this situation ensured that I was able to avoid the dangerous areas of my city.

I also use The Weather Network's coverage of other areas of Canada and the U.S.A to find out if my family members are in potential dangers of wild fires, flooding etc.

I would strongly urge the CRTC to continue to back The Weather Networks application to continue on the basic cable plans available to all Canadians.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1328

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242896

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am writing to support the inclusion of Pelmorex Weather Networks Television Inc in the basic cable package for all Canadians. The Weather Network is the only comprehensive weather network accessible to us living in rural British Columbia and we watch it daily to plan our day and to be informed and prepared for any potential weather emergencies or events. The Weather Network needs to stay on basic cable so that it is available to ALL Canadians, adding it to a specialty package or only making it accessible online would mean many seniors, disabled or lower income families would not have access to this vital information. The Emergency Alert system alone is a reason to keep it on basic cable, how can the CRTC consider removing access to Emergency Alerts from any Canadian?! Thank you for considering my comments as you make your decision and I hope that the CRTC will do the right thing and continue to include The Weather Network as part of the basic cable package so it is accessible to ALL Canadians. Debbie Riddell

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1340

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242909

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

PLEASE RENEW THE WEATHER CHANNEL'S BROADCASTING LICENSE.

I, along with many farmers and ranchers and seniors, make out their daily schedules to the information that is provided by the weather net work. This service is at times, crisis averting, because of our extreme weather pattern differentiations within a few kilometers as we cling to the Eastern Edge of the Cypress Hills of South West Saskatchewan. What has directly influenced my ability to seek safety is the weather alerts. I have no living family left and am a 65 year old independent lady who has no smart phone or at home Wifi because I can't afford the urban trappings that would leave those of us who are dependent on the weather channel every single day. Please allow us to adequately look after ourselves === renew the weather channel CRTC licensing.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1360

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242934

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a retired senior with a disability. I turn on the weather network every morning & at many other times during the day. Knowing the weather is very important in determining my activities for the day.

Please keep it on all TVs, so I can continue to receive this information. Thanks.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1363

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 242937

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Please continue to provide continuous television weather reporting. The weather network station is my "go-to" station I refer to daily. As a senior, I like to know ahead of time when it will be safe enough for me to drive my vehicle to run errands, go for a safe walk, and days to look forward to for being able to hang out my laundry on weekends (in Windsor, ON we are on OFF, ON and MID PEAK energy consumption rates). I enjoy learning of all the weather phenomenons that occur worldwide. Equally important to all these points, is the fact that all the meteorologists reporting the weather are professional, personable, and interject their reports with occasional humour - all exceptional qualities in a reporting environment.

I have come to rely on the weather network, and would be "at sea" without it.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-26

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1455

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243027

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I support the Pelmorex Weather Networks application to remain on the basic television service. I feel this is an important service that should be accessible to Canadians nationwide where possible, in the most cost-effective and convenient method possible. Many cannot afford to pay for upgraded TV/cable/satellite services. Many seniors in my family do not own computers, and therefore could not access internet for their weather news. Many of my family and friends in Ontario rely on the Weather Network to plan their daily activities and driving schedules based on the forecasts available on their basic TV service. I use the Weather Network to text local weather info/alerts (of wherever they are posted at the time) to my family in the Canadian military, to keep them safe when they are on exercises or if they are travelling home. I personally watch the Weather Network on my cable TV service frequently in the summer months to check for tornado warnings, as our community was devastated by an F3 tornado in August of 2011 and I do not like going outside or driving if there are tornado warnings/watches in effect in our area - it was a traumatizing experience. The Weather Network's emergency alerts are an invaluable service and safety tool that should be available on basic TV.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1467

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243038

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am writing to support the televised Weather Network program. My husband and I check this 6-8 times a day as we plan our day, decide on weather apparel, when to travel, when to do yard work, when to shop, when to call relatives in other parts of the country, and the like. We find it INVALUABLE and would miss it more than words can express. We awaken, and immediately turn to the weather network so we know what to expect both that day, and for the days ahead. As seniors, it is important to us and we urge you to retain the licensing for this important public service. My husband doesn't operate a computer so he counts on the tv broadcast; it is so easy to simply turn on and get the information we need. thank you for listening to Canadian feedback!

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1468

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243039

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network is an important public service and should absolutely remain in the basic cable package. TV station reporting is not as complete, not available 24/7, and online access is not available to everyone such as seniors who don't use computers or lower income households that have to choose between cable and internet. I rely on it to plan not only my activities but home maintenance, travel, road trips, out-of-home trips for senior family members for medical appointments and shopping, the list goes on. I live in the GTA but friends and family living in less populated areas rely on this service even more than I do especially where satellite and internet service is not reliable or even available. It would be wrong, unsafe and against the principles of the CRTC to remove this basic service from cable, and place it on a cable menu that many who need it won't be able to afford it. Weather affects us all, so all should have immediate, affordable access to this reliable and effective weather reporting service. For me, the hourly predictions are key to planning my driving day. Global reporting lets people with family or business in other countries have access to reliable reporting in disasters. The information and emergency warnings provided by the Weather Network are essential, and the CRTC has responsibility to ensure it is available to the greatest number of people possible. It is added extra that the coverage is also educational, and science-based as well as entertaining and family-friendly. Please do the right thing and keep it basic.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-26

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1492

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243063

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a senior and a cottager, I consider the Weather network in importance second to 911. In the winter here in Toronto I consult TWN daily to see what is in store weather wise. If it snows I want to know what type of weather the next 3 to 4 days will bring. If the weather shows increasing temp. then I will let the snow melt. If not or more snow then I have shovel or use blower. Road conditions especially in winter play a major part in decision to GO or NOT GO.

In summer weather forecast is needed for decision to cut grass, plant or water the flowers. Last but not least the severe weather alerts are extremely important to me. Is my residence in the way of a storm or the cottage.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1514

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243076

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Use this service every day. In Calgary we watch as tornadoes approach this is an essential part of our personal emergency planning. This channel helps me as disabled senior to plan gardening, trips to the store etc. It is an effective and virtually live presentation of current and changing forecast conditions

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**Intervention Number:** 1569

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243143

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We are seniors who consistently utilize the Weather Network channel, and find it extremely valuable and important for ascertaining what kind of weather conditions are anticipated, in addition to traffic situations which can impact on travel plans. We have benefited from the reliable weather and traffic information which is available for quite a number of years, and have come to depend on it for the above stated reasons.

Living on fixed retirement income, it is important that this information continues to be available on local television stations, such as the Cogeco local network, as opposed to having this service moved to another channel at additional cost. Unfortunately there appears to an increasing trend toward this type of procedure, which is not only inconvenient, but an additional financial burden. For this reason, we strongly support the renewal of the Weather Network's license to remain on the local channel.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1590

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243165

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We are retired seniors on fixed income who live in an area of Canada gradually becoming desert (upper Peachland, B.C.), ie. it hardly ever rains on our particular hill. We definitely rely on The Weather Network forecasts to help us decide how much to water our very necessary vegetable and fruit garden. Also, our area is very prone to forest fires or wildfires (6 fires in our area between June & Oct. 2nd that could have reached us), so we check The Weather Network once or twice daily for any advance warning of high temperatures, wind, or lightning for instance, to prepare to water our trees, keep our place hopefully safe, or hear of possible frost for gardening. We also rely on catching any of The Weather Network's emergency alerts regarding such as recent high wind storms, and heavy snowfall warnings in winter. We also believe The Weather Network should not cost Canadians any more, as a necessary service, and in fact we retired persons cannot afford to pay more, and need advance warnings. The Weather Network is an important part of our life. Sincerely, Gloria & Bill Rouw, Peachland, B.C.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1631

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243209

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

- My 84 year old mom and I use The Weather Network frequently to help us plan our day (i.e outings, daily walks, shopping, what to wear, etc.)
- Canadians who cannot afford more expensive cable and satellite TV packages should continue to have access to The Weather Network on the basic TV service.
- Emergency alerts are an important public safety tool
- We rely on The Weather Network's coverage of active weather situations so we know how to plan and stay safe
- If The Weather Network was not available in our community it would mean that I would have to connect to Internet. I for one limit my online connection which can be very addictive. I have a life which includes watching TV in the morning and evenings. Having access to The Weather Network at my figure tips during these times is beneficial to me.
- The Weather Network should remain on the basic service so Canadians who do not have access to, or are uncomfortable using, broadband Internet should have access to weather news on TV. My 84 year old mom and a lot of seniors (independent living or not are in this situation)

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1756

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243328

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a senior and knowing what to expect in weather when I go out is important to me. I have COPD and hot humid weather is bad so want to know if I need to stay indoors. Winter has its own problems with being icy and snow falls that can affect visibility and traffic. The weather forecast is important to know. I can get it often on the Weather Network. I also have a clothesline and use it so knowing the weather is important. I use the program on the computer to travel out of town, I can check along my route in winter for bad weather and either know to expect it or postpone trip. Please let us keep them as they are, their service is important.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1815

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243387

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I support the proposed license renewal of The Weather Network for a variety of reasons:

- numbers of low income Canadians benefit from the information provided on the network that might otherwise be unavailable to them
- given the volatile changes in our climate and weather, we depend on advisories, watches, and warnings issued on the Network. Welfare and safety should come first - we constantly determine our outdoor activities based on information provided on the Weather Network, and avoid potential risks.
- for many seniors and shut ins, the Network is also a source of entertainment and information, in addition to a safety conduit.
- why would we tamper with a service for Canadians that provides critical information, educates the public, and informs citizens in a plethora of ways

Ric Noble

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1828

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243400

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Whom it may concern;

I feel the Weather Network should remain on basic cable service to help those who are less fortunate where a pay check is concerned, and I would suggest pensioners, people such as myself on long term disability where we are only receiving a portion of what our pay checks used to be as well as for the purpose of those of us who are not very comfortable with "streaming" content into our homes via the internet.

The Weather Network helps me plan my day and they keep me updated with important emergency alerts and this is important again to seniors and people with physical/mobility issues.

I hope the greater good prevails and that they are allowed to remain on basic cable.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1850

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243422

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Re: application number 2017-0586-5; and  
The Consultation number: 2017-365

I watch the Weather Network regularly and frequently through my Rogers cable, basic package. I would not be able to afford any increased costs, but would be very upset if The Weather Network became an extra cost above and beyond basic. I rely on The Weather Network for forecasts of local area, and appreciate the great work they do.

I am a senior living in the Blue Mountains area and strongly advise the CRTC to renew the license for the Weather Network at no extra costs to the consumer. I will copy this to my MP as well.

Thank you. Please keep the Weather Network "in our radar" so that we have access to great local and abroad weather forecasts, to climate change news as well as "emergency" information.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1882

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243458

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My wife and I are both seniors who rely on The Weather Network to provide accurate weather details needed for daily outdoor activities. As we live 40 km west of Ottawa and must attend medical appointments frequently with Ottawa-based specialist physicians we need to be aware of storms of all types that would render our drive to/from treacherous. As we must walk our dog several times each and every day of the year we must be careful to dress properly when starting out and must know of weather changes that might occur during these outings. We rely on The Weather Network to keep us informed in order to maintain a degree of safety in our activities. Thank you.

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**Intervention Number:** 1917

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243515

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As a retired senior, I rely on the weather network to plan my day. Will it be an outside day or one to work inside. Do I need to worry about rain or snow when I am driving to visit my military daughter in Ottawa. Maybe I shouldn't be visiting at all. Ottawa is always frigging cold. When will the sun go down so I don't have to drive in the dark. when will the rain start. I am an immigrant from Northern Ireland and weather forecasting is easy there: (Its going to rain - soon) but here in the snow belt of London, Ontario going east or west on the 401 or 402 it is best to check the weather network before I leave the house. There is no better Weather Network anywhere in the world than we have in Ontario on Channel 23. It makes me proud to be a Canadian.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1923

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243521

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I use the weather network for so many services - including weather conditions all across Canada as I have relatives and friends in many provinces. It provides the most accurate account of world weather happenings as well. As a Senior I am already paying too much for cable. A separate charge to watch this channel would make a difference for sure. I find the channel so useful in planning trips etc. as I do not want to go anywhere in freezing rain or an impending snowstorm if I can plan in advance. Many times it has been useful in predicting a day of activity in good weather as well. I am so happy to write this letter of support for such a worthy issue.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1989

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243588

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a senior and a School Bus Driver. I have been relying on The Weather Network since it's beginning to broadcast through my TV. I depend on it too, now that I have owned a computer as well. It's extremely important that it continues without interruption, as the weather has become more and more unpredictable over the decades. It can save lives, and make planning trips easier.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2016

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243618

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The weather network program is an integral part of our deciding our days activities, whether it is to do laundry, go shopping or travelling. Being mindful of our environment, my wife prefers to hang clothing outside in the fresh air, rather than waste electricity. Many times we have altered our travel plans after viewing the forecast on the weather network. Much better to be safe and secure at home than stranded in a ditch along a highway.

As senior citizens, we rely on our small pensions as do thousands of other seniors. By removing the weather network service from the basic cable package would burden our finances even more, should we have to purchase this service as a separate package to our cable service. In addition many younger families also have limited income and would face the same choices.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2076

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243682

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a senior and rely on the Weather Network several times a day all year long. As well as alerts regarding bad weather such as snow storms and hurricanes, I use it to make decisions when to travel, what to wear, scheduling vacations, alerts on my iPhone when boating or hiking or looking after grandkids etc.

I do not know how to access any alternative(s) to the Weather Network.

Being a northern latitude country, weather can be a life and death matter.

I believe that the provision of the Weather Network and Weather Alerts should be listed as a Federal Government required mandate as a vital part of Canada's health and safety requirements for the population.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2087

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243693

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The weather network is something we have always relies on as a family. As a commercial rated pilot using our plane mainly for family business, we depended on the weather network for forecasting outside of the range available from Nav Canada. Many pilots in fact do use the weather network for forward planning for long distance flights. Now in retirement, we use the weather network to look ahead for long distance driving plans, helping us determine how we should plan our routing and when we should go. As an instructor of air cadets in providing ground school, I continually use the weather network as a source of weather information for Canada's future pilots, as meteorologists like Chris St Clair provide great instruction on what causes weather phenomena and how systems develop, information that helps keep young pilots alive while they progress in their new found trade. Emergency places to land are few and far between in most of Canada, having as much information in plain language available is a vital safety service, especially for young pilots.

As senior citizens now, the weather channel is the first channel we look at each morning even before getting out of bed, and how we plan our day. For many seniors, it is what they use to plan their day, with an eye towards safety, is it slippery, is it safe for me to drive, how do I need to dress, or is it a good day to just stay inside. It is what our children use as to how to dress their kids before they head out to school each day. It is imperative that we keep the weather network available to a broad spectrum of Canadians.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2090

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243696

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I want to have the weather channel always ready to alert me to any immediate danger. It helps us to plan dates to travel on the highway. We live in Dryden on the Transcanada and it is only a single road from here to the Manitoba border and to Thunder Bay. Winter travel is bad enough when the weather is good but when we have ice or snow it can be very treacherous. Therefore we need last minute updates from the weather channel for our safety. Please make sure we keep the weather channel. Thank you, Geraldine Savian

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2124

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243731

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing in support of renewing the The Weather Network's broadcasting license. Below are the reasons why I support The Weather Network and feel their renewal is vital for myself and for Canada as a whole.

I do not have a driver's license. This means that the weather, on a daily basis is very important to me. I watch The Weather Network, literally, every single day. It is part of my morning routine in preparing to go out somewhere, whether it's my daily trips to work on public transit or tasks I take care of over the weekend, or going for walks around my neighbourhood. I need to know what the weather is doing so that I can be sure to dress appropriately. In that regard, The Weather Network is spot on when it comes to accuracy. I never leave the house unprepared. I also have family in Nova Scotia and Florida. I rely on The Weather Network for information regarding weather in those areas, especially during hurricane season, where both areas can be hit with violent and dangerous weather. With the past several hurricanes that hit the east coast from the Caribbean to Canada, The Weather Network was there, broadcasting the latest information, helping me to understand how these turbulent storms have affected my family.

Another reason why I am in support of the license renewal for The Weather Network relates to accessibility to low income families who cannot afford expensive TV services. Although I can afford my Bell service, I can just barely afford it. I live from pay cheque to pay cheque. I know the feeling of not having enough money to afford the necessities sometimes. I made my choice regarding what I'm willing to afford in relation to TV services because it is vitally important to me and that very much includes access to The Weather Network. In this regard, it would be so very unfair to deny those individuals and families who cannot afford expensive broadcasting services, especially since many of these low income families rely on The Weather Network, just as I do, and I know that others rely even more on The Weather Network because of their work or businesses. I can't imagine how hard it would be, for instance, for families who run fishing businesses, or farmers who depend on the weather reports for their livelihood and their safety. Please continue to enable these low income families access to The Weather Network on basic cable TV service. This also holds true for people who either cannot afford to or do not know how to use the internet. There are thousands of senior citizens in Canada - the Baby Boomers, now a huge senior population in Canada - who were born well before the advent of the internet. Many of these people never learned or were fearful to learn, how to use and/or access the internet, as well as low income families who cannot afford internet service. These people rely entirely on access to The Weather Network from basic cable TV. If the license is not renewed, all of these individuals would be completely without access to weather emergency alerts or be able to prepare for their day because they were unable to view The Weather Network, and in this day and age, these people make up a huge percentage of our Canadian population.

Another reason why The Weather Network is so important to everyone in Canada, very much including myself, is because of their emergency alerts. Watching the TV or receiving messages on my cell phone are extremely important to

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me and to so very many other people. Canada is a huge and diverse country. Each province has their own emergency weather issues that can arise as a result of weather patterns that cross over our country. By receiving emergency alerts, myself and everyone else in Canada can be prepared and make sure we are safe when such emergencies hit our part of the country. Even for events like thunderstorms, The Weather Network's emergency alerts are vitally important to me. As I mentioned above, I do not drive a vehicle. I rely on The Weather Network to inform me when it is unsafe to go outside during events like thunderstorms. People die ever year from being hit by lightning. I would prefer to not be one of those people.

I reiterate once again, I am completely dependent on The Weather Network, every single day. Without it, I would be unprepared for the weather each day and would not be able to keep myself safe during weather emergencies. I know this also holds true for millions of Canadians. I choose to speak out on behalf of myself and for all those people unable to send a message to the CRTC on this matter. Please, please, please, renew The Weather Network's license to broadcast on both basic cable TV as well as the more expensive options such as cable/satellite TV.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Susan Bilek

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**Intervention Number:** 2280

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243898

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My husband and I are seniors. We would be lost without the valuable information that the Weather Network provides. In addition to weather, it provides an abundance of interesting facts, information and videos. Prior to making some plans outside the home, we always check the upcoming weather. Actually, we tune in to the Weather Network quite a few times a day. My husband, like many other seniors, does not use the internet so he/they would suffer greatly if the Weather Network was not available on our basic T.V. service.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2281

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243899

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The weather network is a necessary service to many Canadians, especially our more vulnerable ones. Many seniors do not have cell phones or the internet but still have cable. Many lower income families have the same issue. If the weather network is not part of the basic cable package, they could be vulnerable to weather disasters, be on the roads in dangerous conditions and possibly be injured. The weather network is a necessity for so many - make sure it always trumps profit. Our safety and well-being is more important..

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2310

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243930

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Coming from remote mid province of BC; living there for 40 some yrs there was only radio available on good day for very long time. Once TV came to our home via satellite the Weather Network was paramount to any movement into or out of our small community for hazards, good planting weather, and general information planning pretty much anything... yadda, yadda. Most families totally rely on this to this day. Most cannot afford paying extra for this critical ranching tool, school operations as in bussing, activities, etc. To deny alerts and up to the minute info to by and large most of Canada's citizens, many being seniors, students, not to mention our much revered transport fleets on the ground...large and single truck, delivery services of medical supplies; to loose this funded resource is beyond belief in my mind. It's used many times daily by all.

This needs to be rethought about if it's headed for the private person to fund. Totally unthinkable, unfathomable, and blasphemous. Preposterous.

Thank you, Connie Clements, Ladysmith BC V9G 1B1

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-28

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2316

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243936

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My intention herein is to offer my vote and desire to have ..'The Weather Network' channel ...continue as it has for the recent past. Here are a few reasons why.

I personally consult the 'Weather Network' channel daily ...usually twice each day. One of the important reasons I do so is to plan my week, as well as my day.

I have a large home and yard with four large apple trees and thirteen conifer trees, all of which requires a great deal of care outdoors ... in addition to a very large & long driveway needing clearing in the winter months. What days I rake leaves or cut grass, what time of day I should shovel snow, is planned accordingly via what the weather network shares. What the weather will likely be, dictates when and what outdoor activities I prepare for and do ... and when it would be best to remain indoors working on other required activities. Weather alerts .. are also important to be taking the necessary steps to protect my property, pets and self.

It is unlikely that you will receive support via this medium from the geriatric population, but I know for a fact ... that the elderly rely a great deal on this network.

My mother is 84 yrs old and she LIVES on the weather channel ... using the information to decided which day to go to church, which day to do her shopping and which day to plan nothing because it is likely that she will not be feeling well. Older people typically have a lot of health issues that can be affected by the weather, and that is why my mother ...and sooo many of her friends check with this channel frequently and rely on the information provided.

Joints of the human body that have degenerative changes, or scar tissue from prior injuries, are often more painful and problematic during bad weather. People with migraines or vertigo or rheumatoid and others conditions, have 'bad days' when the barometric pressure is consistent with stormy, rainy type weather... BUT ..by being able to know in advance the potential for such weather ... people can plan their lives to be the most productive ... and painless ... as is possible.

Furthermore, most of this demographic group... i.e. geriatric &/or elderly, would not have access to the other options such as a cell phone or the internet ... to check on the weather ... because they do not own these items, and for the few that do, use them mainly for emergency and not on a regular basis.

They prefer to check the weather on the TV ... a medium they are very familiar with and trust.

Another example is a family member of mine who is a geologist and works in a large gold mine, 6 hrs driving distance from Thunder Bay, Ont. She works for several days at the mine and then returns home to Thunder Bay for several days ... driving the 6-7 hours each way, all year

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round. Cell reception in the northern areas of this province, and I must admit other locations as well, is not always available or optimal. But ... having the weather channel to check before she departs either direction and/or being able to check it on TV ... the times cell reception is poor ... affords her the information she needs to know about road conditions, bad weather approaching or clearing, and making the best decisions possible for safe driving.

I used to be in health care in a small town in Southern Ontario, and a lot of my patients were farmers and/or truck drivers ... both of whom relied heavily on knowing what the weather would be over the next 24-48 hours, to plan the necessary attention and activity to the crops, and for truck drivers ... knowing the conditions of the roads presently in the near distance and future ... AND ... to come, in the future days and farther distance where they were heading.

Accordingly I think it should be obvious that ..The Weather Network ...does indeed provide a very valuable service, especially to those in small communities where cell service may not always be optimal ... and those travelling on our roadways where they need to know what conditions are AND what they will be, where they are going. But perhaps the most important service is to our very large geriatric and senior population, that plans their activities and expected 'down or not well days' according to what they see on TV on ...The Weather Network.

Considering all the )\*&#^&()(&^\$@% currently on television ... this is not where the gov't or others should be looking to save money with changes or termination.

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**Intervention Number:** 2330

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243951

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I have programmed my TV remote so that when I turn on my TV it automatically is on the Weather Network. My family & I turn on the TV everyday before we get dressed for the day to find out what the weather will be for that day. This is how we determine what we will wear.

I don't have a Smartphone & I can't afford an expensive internet plan. So we have the cheapest internet plan that I could find. Therefore it isn't very fast or reliable. It took me four hours & several attempts to get the internet working properly today to provide this support. That's why we count on The Weather Network.

I refer to The Weather Network several times a day. It provides me with the local weather, air quality index, UV, and information for my commute. I also look to it for Alerts, Storm Watches, & tips for health and safety. It also provides me with many educational & entertainment videos. I particularly enjoy Chris St. Clair's videos that explain different weather phenomena & Storm Chasers videos featuring George Korounis & Mark Robinson.

Despite all of these benefits & many more, if The Weather Network weren't part of the basic cable package, many people who only make minimum wage or are on a fixed income would be unable to afford it. To make matters worse, these are the same people who cannot afford alternatives such as Smartphones or high-speed internet. Even some seniors, who are fortunate enough to have good pensions, aren't comfortable using Smartphones or the internet. To summarize, I believe The Weather Network provides a valuable public service & therefore belongs to be a part of the basic cable package.

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**Intervention Number:** 2386

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244011

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Hello, I am writing to you to request that you keep the Weather Network on basic cable. The Weather Network is regular viewing at our house. It goes on first thing in the morning while my children are getting ready for school. And it goes on again in the evening as they prepare their clothes for the next day. "Oh, it's going below zero tomorrow? We better get our hats and mitts ready." This saves so much time in the mornings, which makes for happier families! My husband has been getting rid of all our cable stations (much to our chagrin!). If the Weather Network moves off of basic cable, guaranteed he would not order it for us. He likes to use his tablet or phone for weather. But whenever one of our daughters asks us to check the weather for them, he is busy having to find his phone, open an app, and scroll, while we already have all the information showing on our TV screen. And even he inevitably asks us, "Is it going to rain today?" while getting ready to leave in the morning. When my oldest daughter leaves for school at 7:15 a.m., it is currently pitch black outside. It is impossible to even guess what kind of weather the day will bring without the Weather Network. And, as an aside, the Local Forecast music every ten minutes helps us keep track of the time! When there was a potential for a tornado in our area, it was the folks at the Weather Network who told us the right thing to do. We were thankful to see on the radar that it would pass us by. In the "olden days," we would use a thermometer to judge which jacket to wear (or whether you need one at all), but a thermometer can't show you the windchill or humidex, both of which vary considerably in our area of Canada. And we are currently keeping our eye on the forecast for Tuesday--Halloween!--to see if we'll need to adjust costumes due to rain. We live in an urban area and truly depend on the Weather Network--I would imagine it is even more important for people in rural areas or with limited internet or non-tech-savvy seniors. Please continue to provide the Weather Network on basic cable so my family (well, at least 3 of us) can enjoy it for years to come. (P.S. My daughter thinks Chris St. Clair is cool.)

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**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244014

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

To whom it may concern,

I recently heard The Weather Network (TWN) is required to have its license renewed. I wish to express my concern that TWN should remain as an essential part of basic television programming to assist all Canadians but not only for weather but also for all notifications in particular emergency notifications. Given the age of the communication that we are currently living in, it would be counterintuitive to remove such a service. TWN is both informative and educational to all Canadians. Personally, I can say that I watch the TWN at the start of my day to decide how to dress and what to expect during the day. Do I need to bring an umbrella with me? The CRTC may feel that the general public can watch another channel for the weather or rely on the internet, but the timing of obtaining the weather information may be an issue when I have only 10 minutes to prepare for my departure to work. I can either watch the TWN or even listen to it as I prepare for work. The particular information is available when I need it and TWN does exactly that! I believe it is timely for the needs of all Canadians. It can be argued to be an essential service and should be provided as part of all basic packages that cable and satellite TV provide at no extra charge. It is fundamental to basic programming it is essential to the wellbeing of all Canadians especially in bad weather, for example to people to stay off the road during a snow storm. It is reassuring to have up to the minute news on important events affecting all Canadians. It is also important to note that many Canadians still do not have access the internet, for example many Senior do not know how to use the internet to obtain such information. They are comfortable with technology they know and trust such as TV, even if they have access to the internet. I wish to point out the TV can act as an assistance device for many disabilities such as hearing where it becomes a visual device. I have a senior parent that depends on TWN for information and is watched several times a day. The TWN can even circumvent language issues since the information is presented visually. I truly believe the TWN should remain as a core affordable program to all Canadians across the nation.

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**Intervention Number:** 2426

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244052

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As a disabled senior I rely on The Weather Network a great deal to determine if I am able to undertake various activity's.

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**Intervention Number:** 2486

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244116

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As senior citizens living in the south east Georgian bay area we depend on the Weather Network each day. This service has long been part of our basic cable package. We live on a fixed income and have found the increasing cost of cable service difficult to manage. By removing the Weather Network from our basic cable service you will add an extra financial burden that we will have to absorb as we depend on the weather information the Weather Network provides.

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**Intervention Number:** 2516

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244150

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As a senior, I am on a fixed income and any change that would make the Weather Network less accessible than it currently is (i.e. part of my basic TV service package) would be detrimental to my physical and economic safety. I check the weather network multiple times a day which provides me with critical information that allows for decision making to keep me safe and healthy. Decisions run the gamut from what clothing to wear (including choosing appropriate footwear to reduce possibilities of slips and falls), to storm preparation, to local travel by auto. Our maritime weather is in a constant state of flux which makes current, updated weather reports vitally important particularly during the winter. The current level of availability/accessibility of the Weather Network is not just 'nice to have', it is a 'must have'.

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**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244166

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As seniors my husband and I use the weather network to plan our weekly activity..this includes health appointments , shopping trips as well as pleasure outings..my husband has MS and although he uses a walker he still has trouble walking..his right foot drags and his progress is slow..so to keep from getting drenched when possible we plan our outings between showers..in the winter we check the weather at the beginning of the week and try to book appointments when there's little or no snowfall..checking the weather network before making plans saves us a LOT OF STRESS..it is IMPERATIVE that we DO NOT loose THE WEATHER NETWORK CHANNEL..Doreen and Wayne Peever

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**Intervention Number:** 2582

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244224

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My husband and I watch the weather network channel several times a day. First thing in the morning, just after lunch, and again at night. Rain, frost, winds, temperatures--they're important to us in every season as we garden, drive places, cut firewood, take part in nature outings supporting bird and butterfly surveys. For three summers we've been studying moths in the Thickson's Woods Nature Reserve here in Whitby, choosing the warmest nights to set out light traps, and we've so far identified 1006 species of moths in the 26-acre natural area. All based on vital information from the weather channel.

Please renew the licence for the weather networks as is for us and all other retired seniors in Canada.

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**Intervention Number:** 2641

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244284

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am fully in support of CRTC maintaining the Pelmorex Weather Networks license. We make our home in Squamish BC. Being a coastal community at the edge of an estuary through a mountain valley we frequently have fast changing weather. We use the Weather Network to plan activities, travel plans and in extreme weather to prepare for emergencies. I worked in construction and the service was invaluable in work planning and hazard assessment. I am now retired and travel a fair amount and use the service all over Canada, especially invaluable when unfamiliar with local conditions. I have two senior aunts who are not really Internet savvy and the service is invaluable to them. The National Alert system provided by PELMOREX is a critical tool to all Canadians. Our country is the second largest country in the world, a fact often overlooked in our every day lives. As such, climate change information and its impacts on our northern citizens is critical to allowing all Canadians to understand and protect our beautiful country and safeguard its peoples. The Weather Network continues to provide an invaluable service to Canadians at no cost. Termination of the license will result in a significant loss and an additional financial burden to Canadians everywhere. A profit driven service will not be able to meet the same standard of service we have come to rely on.

Sincerely

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**Intervention Number:** 2660

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244293

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As a disabled person I rely on the Weather Network to plan my day in terms of booking appointments to avoid inclement weather such as snow and rain. I cannot afford to pay more for basic cable. There are also many seniors and disabled persons who do not have access to the internet. As well, there is no convenient Canadian alternative for me.

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**Intervention Number:** 2790

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244402

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I strongly support the Weather Network's remaining a part of basic cable. I view the information provided by the Weather Network as an 'essential service' - a part of the network of public safety services.

I am a senior citizen on a fixed (government) income. While all the programming on the Weather Network is informative and interesting, I RELY on the weather reporting to assess and make a number of decisions. It helps me determine how to dress appropriately for the day, whether to engage in or avoid certain activities due to severe weather, pollution levels, allergy conditions (all of which are health issues for me). In anticipation of severe or dangerous conditions it allows me to secure my home and to remain safe - determining whether to remain at home or go out and how to prepare. I appreciate the alerts and have no other way of receiving them - I do not and cannot afford a 'smart phone' so the television is my source of information.

I think having access to this kind of information is critical for all Canadians and especially for those working in jobs where weather can be a critical factor. I come from a family of 'first responders' (police and fire) and I, myself, have volunteered in Civil Defense and I can say being prepared for the impact of weather is essential to stay safe and be effective and make good decisions. It is not right to restrict the important information available from this service only to those who can pay a high fee for an enhanced 'cable package' or be forced to add individual channels.

As an educational 'tool' the Weather Network brings Canadians closer together and in particular promotes understanding and awareness of our north, of critical climate conditions and changes that are and will continue to impact us all.

I cannot say it strongly enough - the Weather Network is an essential service and should remain as accessible as possible to all Canadians in all parts of our country and regardless of circumstances. I was very pleased when the CRTC forced cable companies to provide a 'basic' cable package. I have no need and could not afford to keep paying for entertainment I do not want to watch. The cable companies clearly were not happy at all and there was indeed a lot of pressure from my local provider to not avail myself of that option. Now that pressure is being brought to bear on further restricting what information/entertainment I can afford to access.

Please keep the Weather Network available as part of the basic cable package - it isn't simply a matter of 'entertainment' - we NEED it. Thank you.

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**Intervention Number:** 2904

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244527

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I watch the Weather Network every morning as a motorcyclist to know what I may be facing when and where I intend to ride. I am also a ride leader for my motorcyclist association planning ride and making final decisions on ride cancellation or alternative. I am a cyclist in the summer so weather information is extremely important to my cycling. I am also a senior so basic cable is all I need since I do not need all the channels. The Weather Network during snowstorm keep me abreast of how much snow I will get and if I should shovel periodically to keep up with the storm or if I can wait because the total snow accumulation will be lighter. Please keep the Weather Network on basic cable and affordable to me.

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**Intervention Number:** 3014

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244622

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

To begin with my whole family uses the weather network from 4 am on. They need to know how to dress in order to walk to work and home again each and every day. Some of us need to watch for our up and coming road trips, how to stock the car and whatever else we may need to take.. First channel on and last channel off at night. Seniors, need to make sure they have their groceries stocked up before bad weather prevents them from going out shopping. My grandson has cerebral palsy, he has the weather channel on all day and night, on mute most times, but he just lays there and looks at it. Most days we thought, oh well, it keeps him quiet, but as the years have gone by we realized it had done some great things to his brain and memory and now, as he speaks quietly, he is quite intelligent with a super memory and still has a love for the weather channel. I believe, everything these days is a money grab and even tv channels leave a lot to be desired as so many of us start cutting off some channels due to lack of income. Everyone has their taste in what they like to watch, but, really, OUR weather channel!!! I pray you all realize that is OUR BASIC LIFELINE. That should be in with our human rights... I thank you, in advance for doing the right thing ...

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**Intervention Number:** 3025

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244634

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a senior citizen on a fixed pension. Due to the costs of other technical means there is a definite need to keep the Weather Channel on Basic Cable. We rely daily on the Weather Network. It's my first go to channel in the morning and absolutely at times important to me during the day and evening. It's an outdoor planning tool for me ... what to wear, travel in town, travel out of town, outdoor family occasions, and public safety paramount in our northern Ontario winters with icy or snow covered road conditions reported, as well as rain that can cause dangerous driving and potential flooding in areas. Truthfully and without a doubt I would be at a loss if I couldn't access the Weather Channel. Remember the seniors and people who don't have computers or the ability to reply BUT who still depend on the Weather Channel ... count them in with an educated percentage for surveys. Important to mention as well is the knowledgeable, dedicated people on this channel who present the weather. They are appreciated by the viewers.

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**Intervention Number:** 3084

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244715

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am writing in support of the WeatherNetwork.com. I do not live in a big city but out in the country in a small town. The 'Weathernetwork' is crucial for us out here.

Basic cable is one that many families and seniors have as the other cable is expensive. There are many single people and families who do not make high incomes and often make minimum wage while trying to support themselves or their families. They have need of a financially accessible and accurate weather channel 24/7.

The farmers, school boards and people who must travel the country roads (paved and unpaved) to go to another town or city to work for their livelihood need to know the upcoming weather for safe travel. Most people in urban areas have little idea of how dangerous the weather can become here with open fields and roads. Q. Why should people be forced to accept the next level of cable and pay a higher price for a service that is crucial to day to day living? SP

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**Intervention Number:** 3217

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244851

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I believe that it is very much in the public interest to continue to include The Weather Network in the basic tier of television channels to ensure it continues to be available to all Canadians. Unlike most channels, which are primarily intended for entertainment purposes, or which primarily appeal to only certain segments of the population, The Weather Network provides a vital public service. Not only are accurate weather reports of interest to virtually all members of the public, The Weather Network provides constantly updated information including vital warnings of severe weather conditions and details and timing of their progress.

My elderly parents rely entirely on The Weather Network's television channel for their Weather information, sometimes referring to it several times in the day. In fact, they are usually the first ones to see the warnings and watches and phone to warn our entire family. Without their advance warnings, we would often have been taken by surprise, having been at work, in class, or otherwise occupied. My mother has never used a computer and my father is not comfortable enough with the technology. Their only source of immediate Weather information is the television channel. While my busy teenage daughter is more likely to use the Weather Network's website, she rarely does so without first having been warned by her grandparents or myself of weather events. I'm more likely to rely on a combination of the TV channel augmented by the associated website.

And even though I live in a large urban centre which I believe contains a Government of Canada Weather station, I have found The Weather Network to be far more accurate in its daily predictions and more reliable and more detailed when tracking severe weather events. It now serves as my sole trusted source of weather information. In just the last month I've used it to plan every day's outdoor activity. And just as importantly, in just the last month my parents or I have first learned of two severe weather events (including winds that reached hurricane speeds) and were able to prepare for these. My daughter was out when I found out from The Weather Network not only of the severe wind warnings, but also the times when the highest winds would be moving through our area. Between The Weather Network Channel and its associated internet website I was able to get extremely detailed and minute by minute knowledge as to the speeds and the progress of the storm. This enabled me to not only warn my daughter, but also to tell her of the safest time to head home in her car.

In my opinion, the Weather Network channel's ability to reach almost all Canadians 24 hours of the day and provide reliable weather forecasts and warnings of severe weather events is crucial. It deserves and needs to be included in the basic tier of channels. It is not a mere source of entertainment, nor is it of interest only to a limited segment of the public. Placing it in a separate tier would make it financially beyond the reach of many who rely on it, such as seniors on fixed incomes. Bundled with other channels of interest only to certain segments of the population, the remaining segments of the population would be unlikely to subscribe to a \$4 or \$5 (or more) bundle when they are only interested in one channel. Likewise, it is not a solution to provide it as a stand-alone optional channel. It would be offered at far more than its current 23 cents. Not only would this be an added expense to subscribers, the simple act of requiring customers to contact their provider to add channels serves to reduce numbers. The resulting loss of income to The Weather Network will cause budget cuts that negatively affect the depth of information they provide. This in turn would

further reduce the demand for subscriptions and so on.

Save possibly for Canadian news channels, the Weather Network is arguably the channel providing information that is of interest to the greatest segment of the population. Every Canadian is affected by weather, and almost all adult Canadians use weather information regularly. If any channel deserves to be placed within the tier of basic services, this is it. It's related 23 cent charge is a small price to pay to ensure access to all television subscribers to this important source of information relevant to virtually all Canadians.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3321

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244964

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I value the Weather Network during summer because I lawn bowl. I am a senior citizen, as are many of our members so we are at risk if the humidex is higher than 35. Our games can last 90 minutes and we normally play three games in a tournament. We also need to know about thunderstorms in the area. Our club is next to a number of soccer pitches where hundreds of youngsters play regularly.

Although I have internet access at this time, I sometimes have to cancel because of other demands on my limited finances. Several of my friends do not own a computer so their only means of dependable weather info comes from the television.

During winter months I depend on the Weather Network for road conditions, especially if I'm driving out of town. Please keep the Weather Network affordable to everyone.

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**Intervention Number:** 3342

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 244985

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I use the Weather Network almost every day. I am a senior that still tries to cycle almost every day. I like to check the weather for the best time to cycle to avoid the rain or high winds. I check the wind direction so I can head out into the wind and have a more relaxed ride home, or ride with just cross winds to minimize the drag from the winds. It is also beneficial to know ahead to decide whether to cycle on a particular day or find another activity to keep my body in shape. For long trips it is great to know when to leave and to travel to avoid inclement weather. The Weather Network is the most useful channel on TV :-)

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3501

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 245153

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Re: The Weather Network

For us, this TV station is checked several times daily, in order to:

- check temperatures, sun amounts and projected rainfall totals for all plants & gardens
- check to find the best times for the 2 one hour walks with the family dog
- review Storm Alerts in order to assist seniors with preparedness
- to prepare for Winter Storms, along with snowfall totals ( snow blow 8 driveways )
- research the best days for day trips to small town Ontario

Area TV stations in the major cities provide for themselves, but local towns or small cities like Brantford, Ontario are usually overlooked in daily forecasts and Storm Alerts ( plus Amber Alerts )

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-31

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3556

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 245213

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Dear Members of the CRTC,

I am requesting that you renew The Weather Network's license to broadcast the weather and that you continue to include in the various cable network basic packages. There are many of us who could not afford to pay any extra money, should TWN have to be purchased over and above the basic cable package. The Weather Network provides an essential service to Canadians - warning us of pending adverse and potentially harmful weather conditions. This essential service allows us to be better prepared for such storms in that we can gather essential supplies, should we become 'house bound' by such storms. I have relied heavily on the information provided by TWN ever since it was launched and would be completely lost without this service. I am a senior with mobility problems and I require this essential service in order to feel safe!

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-01

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3645

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 245305

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

.as a senior incapacitated due to aging, knowing what the weather will bring allows me to plan my days. The additional information about what is happening around the world provides bonus information. I went on a cruise in early October and the weather network kept me knowledgeable on what to expect so I could make alternate arrangements. I had to cancel accommodations and rearrange flights. The weather network kept me apprised of the situation so I could keep our trip on track. The daily information the supply makes their channel number one on our set. Please keep them on for all of us. Thank you.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-01

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3665

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 245324

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network has been a staple for our community as we have no local television. As I was a Roads Foreman, Paramedic and Firefighter for 30 years the Weather Network is a valuable resource... Also being a huge seniors community, the Weather Network is a major lifeline (road conditions, road closings, too hot, too cold, poor air quality and much, much more) to our elderly... Our small community of 3000 is a base for education in the county (two high schools, three elementary schools) who on any given school day have a population higher than the community itself... 90% of which are brought to us by bus. The Principals And Transport operators use the Weather Network 24 hours a day to keep our students safe... Finally, our biggest industry, our farming, I don't think that I need to explain in length how vitally important The Weather Network is, some days as important as the weather itself... Thank you for allowing us to have input, Ritchie Cox, Clinton Ontario..

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-01

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3702

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 245363

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The CRTC has a moral obligation to allow The Weather Network to remain as part of basic TV packaging/bundling, particularly for disabled persons, seniors & people on low incomes, who can not pay additional costs. This service must remain barrier free. Disabled persons, pensioners & low income earners rely on The Weather Network:

\* to plan daily activities. Disabled people have to plan ahead, especially for inclement weather (severe heat/cold), storms (thunder/ice/snow).

\* for active weather watches & alerts in order to stay safe

\* for updated road conditions

Not everyone is computer literate or has easy access to the internet. The Weather Network provides 24-hour frequent, detailed updates that are localized, unlike more generic TV station weather coverage. It is a basic right for every Canadian to have access to current & imminent weather conditions at minimal cost.

It is imperative that The Weather Network be kept as part of all TV basic service programming so that weather information is fully accessible & less costly to everyone.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-02

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3940

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 245612

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We are seniors who live in the country with limited snow clearance. This TV service helps us plan when it is going to be safe to drive for appointments in the winter.

Our neighbours also count on it for planning their entire farm operations.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-02

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3948

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 245620

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We are seniors and live in Northern Ontario. We watch the Weather Network several times a day to plan our day. We do not have public transportation. We must travel a number of miles to some health services. We believe we should have access to The Weather Network on the basic service. Not all Canadians can afford expensive cable/satellite services. Our lives depend on The Weather Network. We watch and listen for Emergency Alerts. Please think about the people in rural areas who must drive.

The Weather Network is an essential service.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-02

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4013

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 245685

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

- The Weather Network must remain on the basic service so Canadians who do not have access to, or are uncomfortable using, broadband Internet can have access to weather news on TV when they need it versus relying on their local radio/TV stations who only update during News casts, which is very infrequently versus the Weather Network.
- As the cost of living continues to rise, many Canadians including Seniors can no longer afford more expensive cable and satellite TV packages. Many of these people rely on The Weather Network to plan their day and/or long term plans. These people should continue to have access to The Weather Network on the basic TV service.
- The Weather Network provides a very important public safety tool with its emergency alert program and, this program should not be jeopardized by moving this station to a more expensive cable/satellite TV package

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4062

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 245734

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network is a meaningful lifeline for many Canadians and should remain accessible to everyone. Up to date and reliable information on current weather, weather alerts, and forecasts that can be accessed when needed has made The Weather Network a trusted source of information across our country. A centralized information source that I can check to see how to prepare for the days ahead is more reliable than any other app on my phone. For many senior Canadians, using the internet to check local weather is not a practical option. My grandmother is 93 and lives in Collingwood, Ontario. She loves to use The Weather Network to see "what the weather's like" where her grandkids live, in Alberta, BC, and other parts of Ontario, as well as how she should dress for church. My mother is 65 and lives in Calgary, Alberta. She is on a fixed pension and does not have cable TV. The Weather Network is always on in her house - it keeps her connected and up to date. She knows when to plan her weekly errands, and delights in the news stories on weather phenomena from around the country and globe. The Weather Network provides the additional critical resource of alerts in emergency or hazardous weather situations. Knowing there was one reliable and continuously updated source of information was reassuring for me personally when dealing with grassfires in Lethbridge, Alberta, and winter storms in Calgary. Please consider retaining The Weather Network as a free and accessible resource Canadians can use to view local forecasts, national weather, and vital emergency information on weather alerts. Thank you.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4129

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 245801

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I support the application of the Weather Network to remain as part of the basic cable package.

I watch the Weather Network every day, and would be upset if it disappeared from my cable package. I am a senior in a retirement residence and the Weather Network is one of the channels in the package that is included in our monthly rental. It is the same package that is provided for most of the seniors' complexes in my area. Moving it to a premium package would create an additional cost for seniors living on a fixed income.

Like many seniors, I am concerned about walking (or driving) in wet, slippery, stormy or icy conditions, and I find I pay much more attention to the weather forecasts than I did when I was younger.

As well as the local forecasts, I like to watch the other programs, especially the long range forecasts, the updates on approaching weather systems, and the country wide updates.

While it is true that the same information could be accessed online, not everyone has computer access, either because of the costs involved, or because they were not fortunate enough to have been in the workplace when computer training was routinely offered. Not every senior is comfortable trying to learn about computers (or smart phones) for the first time at the age of 80 or 90.

I consider the Weather Network a channel that should be regarded much like the news channels, and provided in basic cable packages.

Thank you,

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-02

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4242

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 245920

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I support the weather network. As a person taking care of senior it is very easy for them to see the conditions and dress appropriately. Seniors are on limited income and may not have the funds to pay higher cable cost..

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-03

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4271

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 245951

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am constantly using the weather network to plan my days - how to dress, when to travel, when to go shopping & when to take my senior mother out to do her banking and shopping. When the weather is going to be bad, I check that my mom has checked the weather network and will not be going out. I don't feel I should be forced to get more than the basic package just to continue to get the weather network. As everything continues to cost more, getting more than the basic is one of the first things to go when you still have the hydro, gas, rent or mortgage, taxes and groceries to pay for. The emergency alerts have also been very helpful for changing my plans to be safe. It is very comforting to know that at any time I can go to the weather network and get the local forecast for the next couple of days immediately. I feel the weather network needs to be accessible to everyone and this is more possible if it is available in the basic package. Thank you, have a great day!

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4277

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 245958

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Honoured committee members, thank you for providing Canadians with a method to convey their support for The Weather Network.

As a small-business owner in a unique industry (educational-outreach & film/television), I must undertake a considerable amount of travel for my work.

Without any exaggeration, The Weather Network forms a critical part of my year-round planning as it pertains to everything from when the weather conditions are most favourable to training my birds of prey, to traveling on and off Vancouver Island to the Mainland, and Interior of British Columbia.

Several years ago, when we traveled for filming in Manitoba, The Weather Network's reporting made all the difference between knowing what to expect on the highways, (and thus fulfilling our obligations to the film crew in Winnipeg), and risking being surprised by some of the worst winter-driving conditions I'd ever personally experienced.

Our four-day journey by road (from Westholme to Winnipeg) was a *\*much\** safer undertaking for my being able to take advantage of the detailed, easy-to-understand reporting offered by the meteorologists on TWN before leaving the B&Bs or hotels we'd overnights in. Regardless of where we were as we crossed the prairies, I knew my assistant, birds and I were forewarned - and thus forearmed - for the conditions ahead of us.

As we traveled, we lost count after seeing the aftermath of over 19 accidents, including the wreckage of at least three transport-trucks. I'm all too aware not everyone takes advantage of the freely and easily accessible "up the the minute" weather reporting on TWN, and it was clear many of these drivers either hadn't thought to turn it on for a few minutes before heading out the door...or did not take seriously the information being provided. For my part, I'm absolutely confident TWN contributed to our trip proceeding safely in 2013.

Canada is a vast country. No two regions experience the exact type of weather events in terms of severity, duration or conditions. The very fact Canadians can turn on their televisions - wherever they reside, and receive TWN's reliable information as a service with their other cable or satellite packages is nothing short of fantastic.

Adding *\*any\** cost-prohibitive rate hikes which would deny seniors, low-income or other financially challenged Canadians TWN's services would border on criminal.

There is no possible way to measure just how many times reliable weather reporting has saved lives, or minimized costs to private individuals or businesses, but there can be *\*no\** doubt TWN's reporting has done just that.

Many individuals without reliable access to internet services, or those (like seniors) who may be intimidated by trying to navigate online *\*will\** be denied reliable, easily accessible weather information without The Weather Network being

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meeting the needs of seniors**

financially available to them. Plainly speaking, without TWN, many people - particularly in more remote areas, will have little to no information they can rely on for planning everything from personal travel, to when they can safely plant their vegetable gardens...to when they can begin planning for principle-filming to begin on a major television or film project.

It would be unjust in the extreme to deny Canadians the reliable programming TWN offers every single day. Cable companies make \*plenty\* of money through their advertising - TWN need not become one of their "cash cows".

The Weather Network is a necessary public service without which lives will be lost, property and livelihoods will be damaged, and "distant early warning" may well not be received. As a Canadian taxpayer, and as a small business person who relies heavily on the service, I say without reservation The Weather Network \*must\* remain part of the "basic service" television package enjoyed across our mind-bogglingly huge country.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-03

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4494

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 246169

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a senior in a small Alberta community in the shadow of the Rocky mountains and the weather network is important to me. I live alone and find it invaluable in planning my activities. As a resident of Cowley I must travel to do the daily things people in larger centres do at their convenience and with public transport; medical appointments, shopping, banking, routine activities. I have to even travel to get fuel for my vehicles. I depend on the weather channel to plan my away-from-home activities and as a senior I don't have a huge amount of money to spend on unexpected costs related to weather surprises. I have a basic cable plan which includes the weather network and I really think it would be a mistake if it were not to be included in the basic package. I don't have any choice in my cable supplier, there is only one available and it is more affordable than any satellite provider in my area. So I support the weather network and sincerely hope it can continue to be a part of the basic cable package. It should be free as it affects all persons in my position at least but I know that won't happen.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-03

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4547

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 246228

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My comments relate to application number 2017-0586-5 and Consultation number: 2017-365

I use the weather network channel on my Cogeco cable service several times per day. I do much of my commuting by foot and bicycle so I need to be aware of current and future weather conditions.

I also use the weather forecasts provided to plan the schedule for a fitness program for seniors that I support as a volunteer leader. We offer both indoor and outdoor programs depending on the weather. Even the indoor program schedule is affected by the weather forecasts, as we cancel dates when we see the possibility of dangerous walking and driving conditions.

As a senior on a limited income, I can only afford the basic cable service. I will continue to rely on the weather network programming every day and consider this to be a very useful part of my basic cable service.

There is no reliable local alternative to the weather network information. There is only one commercial radio broadcaster in Sarnia and this company does not provide detailed weather forecasts. Even the CBC radio and television networks that serve Sarnia do not always include details for our city. Because we are located on the shore of Lake Huron, our weather is often very different from the London and Windsor outlooks that are included in the CBC radio and TV reports.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 6264

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 246735

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We need the Weather Network. I do not have a smart phone, and rely on the Weather Network channel for my every day needs. How to dress the kids, seeing the highway conditions, as my husband travels on the highways, to me getting to work.

Our family is not rich, and cannot afford a fancy phone to download apps. I as well as my husband rely and check the Weather Network channel of and on all day long. My senior citizen mother in law checks it all the time, and she does not have any type of cell phone.

The Weather Network channel is an essential tool, and I do not know any family that does not check it, especially when travelling on the highway.

Removing this channel would be a hardship. To charge for it, our family would not be able to pay for it.

The Weather Network should be included with everyone's basic cable, not a premium.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5028

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 246753

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a retired senior who drives a school bus. Every morning I watch The Weather Network as my chief source of weather information of how my rural drive will be.

**Copy sent to applicant and to any respondent if applicable:** Yes

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5123

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 246852

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I wish to support my Weather network as it is now..I am a Senior and it is important that I know the hourly daily weather so that I can go out if necessary during the most favourable time the day or even change my plans to a more favourable time. I use the channel daily ...I call myself a weather nurd but I also need to have the information so I can work safety into my life. Seniors receive little if any true cost of living increases and I cannot afford to pay any more for TV. It is also good for the aging brain to learn more about how weather works...didnt receive that much in school. Warnings are so important for us to know and with the Weather Network we receive both auditory and visual. Please keep it so we all can continue to enjoy the Weather Network even if we cannot afford to pay extra.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5185

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 246916

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My day starts, in bed, with two clicks on my remote and with an extra pillow behind me I put on my glasses and watch Channel 2 on my cable system - The Weather Network.

With friends back east, and living on the west coast, I find that within 10 to 15 minutes I have a full picture of what is happening now, what is likely to happen, and what odd features of weather around the world are significant.

So, please renew the licence for the Weather Network so that this routine can continue with the service on an easily accessible cable channel for this senior citizen.

Thanks

Les Dickason

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-04

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5266

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 247002

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I ask that you keep the Weather Networks (Television) Inc. accessible to all by keeping it in the basic television service. I rely on the weather network for accurate current forecasts and for information about upcoming weather events and weather alerts as I know many other Canadians do. Those like myself who are on fixed incomes (like seniors for example) can only afford basic television service and would greatly miss the Weather Network if it were removed from the basic television service. Many people on fixed incomes do not have access to the internet, so rely on getting The Weather Network on TV. Another important and potentially life saving feature of the Weather Network is the emergency alerts. These are an important public safety tool. By keeping the Weather Network in the basic television service, you are ensuring that these essential emergency alerts reach as many people as possible as quickly as possible. So, I strongly support keeping the Weather Network in the basic television service.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-04

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5313

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 247055

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network is an invaluable tool to which I refer daily. All of my family is out of town, so my husband and I rely on the Weather Network to plan safe driving trips to Ottawa, Huntsville, Kincardine, Simcoe, Niagara Falls. When our son is flying back home from Vancouver, I check weather conditions at Pearson International as we embark on the 400 series of highways to get there and back safely. I appreciate emergency alerts that help our community stay safe. I strongly support that the Weather Network should remain a basic service so Canadians who do not have access to, or uncomfortable using internet, should have access to weather news on TV. Many of our neighbours are seniors for whom English is a second language and they do not own computers. But I know they watch the weather network on TV to determine when to plant their gardens, mow their lawns, put up their Christmas lights, etc.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5491

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 247236

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

daily weather report is very important to me as I am a volunteer driver transporting seniors to medical appointments in Ottawa from Arnprior ( approx. 150 km round trip) and need this info for safety of my clients.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-04

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5608

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 247365

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Suddenly, I'm a member of the senior community. Many seniors are barely making it by on fixed incomes. Many use the Weather Network as their daily source of forecasting. Most cannot afford a cost for this service in the form of higher cable bills or a single fee. This is an essential service for most. Please leave it on basic cable where it is accessible to those who need it from coast to coast to coast. Thank You.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-04

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5620

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 247377

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Do you use The Weather Network frequently to help you plan your day? How?

YES, I check it every morning to see what to expect for the day.

Do you feel Canadians who cannot afford more expensive cable and satellite TV packages should continue to have access to The Weather Network on the basic TV service?

YES, my retired mother lives alone, doesn't have internet, and depends upon the weather network for the daily, 3-day and weekly forecast

Do you believe emergency alerts are an important public safety tool?

YES, not just important but essential.

Do you rely on The Weather Network's coverage of active weather situations so you know how to plan and stay safe?

YES, especially for storm warnings.

If The Weather Network was not available in your community is there a local alternative to conveniently access weather news and information?

NO, not with the same immediacy, not without the internet, which (news flash) many seniors do not have.

Should The Weather Network remain on the basic service so Canadians who do not have access to, or are uncomfortable using, broadband Internet should have access to weather news on TV?

YES, absolutely. It is an essential service.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5828

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 247596

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network may be one of the most valuable resources on television today.

I have lived and traveled in rural areas where the Weather Network was the only readily available source of weather forecast for the area. From knowing how to dress for the day's weather to knowing about warnings and road closures, having access to reliable forecasts is a vital source of news. My husband uses the Weather Network daily to plan his exercise/running schedule, using wind speeds and directions to hourly forecasts. It was because of the Weather Network that I prepared an emergency kit, and signed up to get warnings on my phone.

If the Weather Network was moved out of basic cable coverage, many people who rely on it - I'm thinking of people on limited income, and seniors in particular - could not afford to upgrade their monthly cable bill to get what should be considered a public service for all. Given the "bundling" of channels, if the Weather Network was placed in with several less desirable channels, then many (myself included) would have to question whether we could afford it anymore.

Another reason I support keeping the Weather Network on the basic cable is because it has a very high educational value beyond many of the other channels out there. It is more than weather stats. It explains scientific principles behind weather and also environmental issues like climate change. It often features activities and interests of families and children. It deals with safety issues like safe driving in all seasons. It also is wonderfully culturally diverse in a very positive Canadian way.

I would fully support the Weather Network being on the basic cable channels, and removing less valuable fare like the American channels or 24-hour sales pitches.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5877

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 247646

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network has been a lifesaver for me. As a Canadian, you know how important keeping on top of weather conditions is. The weather network WELL exceeds the type and availability of information on the weather of any other vehicles such as TV news, radio or even internet. As a senior, who is preparing to retire very shortly and will be living on a modest fixed income, it has become my go to station each morning as it is part of my basic cable package. I have been watching it for years now and I rely on it every morning and evening to keep me informed of impending weather situations. As I often travel for business - it keeps me connected with issues of critical weather. The fact that it has grown to the level it is currently as is a strong attestation of its value to Canadians across the country. It would be a travesty especially in this country, if this affordable and incredibly valuable CANADIAN service was no longer readily available on cable.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-05

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5886

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 247656

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We are senior musicians who play outside, we can only afford basic cable, we need the weather network.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 6130

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 247917

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Good Morning,

I just wanted to take a moment to write to you to say that I support The Weather Network, and I wish to have them remain as part of the basic cable package.

I moved to Thornhill not too long ago, and as a result, I have had to rely solely on this channel for my local weather. Unlike other channels that offer weather updates, The Weather Network actually teaches me something on a daily basis which I can appreciate considering that I am an educator myself. Secondly, without this channel, what are our low-income, seniors, pensioners and fixed income customers to do for their local weather? There are many Canadians who simply cannot afford a more expensive cable package. For these reasons, I ask you to renew The Weather Network's license so that they can continue to educate their large viewing population.

Sincerely,

Shana Baptiste - Channel 22 in Thornhill, Ontario

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-05

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 6515

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 248212

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Thank you for allowing Canadians to comment on the CRTC License Renewal for the Weather Network. I am a senior with somewhat limited mobility who lives alone in a very rural environment. I watch the Weather Network numerous times throughout the day so that I can plan ahead for traveling, especially during winter months when inclement weather is frequent here. The information the Weather Network provides is vital to my safety both when I walk and when I drive (we have NO public transportation where I live so I need to know what the driving is going to be like before I venture out). Their forecasts help me manage (and truly enjoy) life so much more safely during the winter months. Their RED weather alerts are very important to me because I live in the Maritimes (in coastal NB) and our weather changes almost hourly. I need the latest and most accurate forecasts possible so that I can remain as self-sufficient as possible. I am fortunate that I can afford a somewhat higher "grade" of cable TV than "basic" but not all seniors can afford to pay extra, so that I why I urge the CRTC to force cable providers to leave Weather Network on "basic cable" so other seniors can still get the information they need. In some cases, prompt forecasting of really bad storms is a matter of life and death to some people. I also enjoy finding out about the weather across the country, plus historical trends in the weather, plus I like their meteorological facts and discussion of important trends - especially the scientific facts behind global warming that I trust from Weather Network to be accurate and not "fake news." So please re-license Weather Network, leave it on "basic," and let them continue to very professionally help Canadians cope with the weather. Thank you.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 6541

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 248236

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The weather channel is vital to our daily activities and is also one of the few channels we watch on TV. Any trips or outings we plan are after we checked to see what the weather and conditions are, or will be at the destination point. Both my husband and I are in our 80's, and our well being and safety are vital. We therefore take the information offered by the Weather channel very seriously. Icy conditions mean staying at home, and waiting for another day with better roads or sidewalks. Too hot, means sunscreen and lighter clothing. The computer and high tech are known to us, but not a comfortable means of getting information. We just recently obtained a cell phone, a new learning experience, but necessary for emergency purposes. The budget is always considered, with prices rising continually, and basic TV is already overpriced. The Weather Channel is necessary to us, and other seniors. We are still independent, and hope to remain so for a while longer.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 6555

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 248252

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I watch The Weather Network from bed before I even get up as in the Maritimes the "wait 5 minutes and the weather will change" is apt. What I saw before bedtime the night before may no longer be applicable. I drive 4 grandchildren who all play multiple sports year round to venues around the Maritime provinces. As a senior, driving conditions/warnings are something I seek out to decide what clothing prep is needed or whether to even get on the road.

When hitting the road back to Ontario I depend on the Weather Network for weather along the route to decide when the best few days are coming to start out.

I am particularly impressed by the special segments that educate about why different types of weather/cloud formations occur and discuss what I have learned with my grandchildren. The weather network unlike most TV weather segments actually demonstrates what meteorologists know and how they function.

I consider the Weather Network a necessary national service. Wendy Ward

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-06

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 7113

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 248814

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a Senior on a fixed income in Low Rental Housing for Seniors here on PEI. Please keep The Weather Network on Basic Cable. A lot of Seniors cannot afford to pay for extra packaging to keep us informed and safe. Also they do closures, like hospitals (tests) Dr. offices school closures (grandkids storm day at grandma's) Also on local CBC. They go hand in hand on the Internet. EMO what to do, where to go. It is a MUCH needed service. I personally tune in daily. If weather is bad Thursday, I will make my apts. on Friday. I also like to see what is coming ahead especially your long range satellite maps.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 7437

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 249159

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Most Seniors just have this only way to see the latest weather your about 15-20 years to soon to take the weather Channel off the air ...

**Copy sent to applicant and to any respondent if applicable:** Yes

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-07

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 7508

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 249226

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Forcing the network off from basic access would hurt seniors and the poor

This is a basic need not a want

A few years ago telephone was made a basic need as well as internet. This Higher Costs!

Reduced access to weather and safety information

Removing The Weather Network and MétéoMédia from the basic television service would make them unavailable to many Canadians who cannot afford to pay for additional channels.

Many rural and remote Canadians with limited Internet access would also no longer be able to rely on our services as they do today.

Reduced access to regional and rural weather news

With a reduced subscriber base and less advertising revenue, we would have to focus our offerings on the largest markets in Canada where the majority of subscription and advertising revenue is generated.

Any planned technical or programming upgrades would only happen on a limited and strategic basis, and many Canadians would unfortunately lose access to their local forecast.

Reduced public alerting

Without the stable and predictable funding associated with basic distribution, we would be unable to maintain the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination System for free. This would jeopardize the availability, effectiveness and cost to Canadians of public alerting in Canada.

Reduced investment in cutting edge digital and mobile applications that allow Canadians to access weather and emergency information, no matter where they are

Removing The Weather Network and MétéoMédia from the basic service would affect our entire company, and would reduce our ability to invest in a wide range of digital distribution options that allow us to provide our weather news and information to all Canadians.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 7541

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 249263

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Dear Sirs/Madam: please keep the weather network on affordable cable. We are seniors and rely on the weather network to tell us what to wear during the week.

Also, it is like watching a science show, in that it helps you to understand things like tornados, etc. in a most informative way.

We see the world from our living room - places we might never go to but with the help of the weather network's on air personnel, visit and understand what is going on with our planet, weather-wise. This is the first thing we switch in the morning and will look at various times in the day. We like the fact that there are bulletins and weather alerts that keep us informed. Also, the on-air staff, Rachel, Chris St. Clair, etc. really help you understand the weather conditions here and abroad.

We love the weather network, please keep it on cable. thank you for taking the time to review our comments and show our support.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-08

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 8136

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 249864

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My husband, who is still working as a sales rep, and I (recently retired) are seniors and use the weather channel every day to determine what we will be doing and where we will be going in the short term. We also plan longer outings with the extended weather forecasts and check the channel at least twice a day. When the weather is stormy, we often check on an hourly basis. We live in our own home and use the weather channel to decide when the gardening and outside maintenance should be done and when I can hang out the laundry to dry (saving electricity from using the dryer).

The weather channel is an integral part of our daily lives and their license renewal is a must for us. So, thank you for taking our comments into consideration.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-09

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 8361

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 250094

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I support The Weather Network being on basic television service.

As a working parent of two small children, age 1 and 2, I rely on The Weather Network daily to dress them appropriately for school since they are outdoors at various times during the day. I've tried using other weather forecasts, such as local news, but the reliability of The Weather Network is far superior. I would be lost without The Weather Network.

During active weather situations, it is very important for me to get reliable and up-to-date information so I know how to plan and keep my family safe. I always trust The Weather Network to advise on poor road conditions so I can adjust my timing accordingly.

In my professional life, I work mostly with Canadian seniors and can ascertain there is a significant community that does not have regular or easy access to the internet, nor are they interested or comfortable using the internet. For those who do, it is naive to assume that everyone can access information in such a manner. Seniors are more at risk in adverse weather situations and should have access to weather news on TV.

My family does not have cable or satellite TV as the cost is far too high. I believe all Canadians have a right to access The Weather Network on basic TV if they can't cannot afford the excessive charges for cable and satellite TV. (Perhaps that's another matter the CRTC can help Canadians with.)

Finally, I strongly believe public alerts are an extremely important public safety tool.

For all these reasons, I believe The Weather Network should remain on basic TV. Personally, I have relied on The Weather Network all my adult life. Now, my family wil continue to rely on The Weather Network for many years to come.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-10

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 8781

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 250512

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

need this info to plan my day's activities, being partially disabled Senior.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-11

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9073

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 250808

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As a senior I rely on the weather network to plan my appointments . I am 80 years old and must be careful when I venture outside. Please consider the effect on older citizens in your decision. Regards R. Duffin Kingston Ont.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-11

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9211

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 250953

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

To Weather Network - COMMISSION: I understand the weather network is due for renewal, this is my reason for sending in this comment. Both my husband and I are Seniors mid 70's & we both TOTALLY rely on the weather network each and every day. This channel this what is turned on each & every morning and runs throughout the day right up until News at 6 pm. My husband is constantly on the road still working at the Forestry and does Volunteer work for several organizations including our local Legion which he does Hospital visiting AND the Retirement Homes, so the weather network is very important for him each and every day. He also has many military meetings and functions he attends in the evenings and the winter months are extremely important for both of us. We TOTALLY RELY ON THE WEATHER NETWORK ON CABLE T.V WITHOUT IT WE WOULD BOTH BE HOUSEBOUND! We do alot of travelling to Southern Ontario to visit our daughter in Cambridge, his sister in Toronto and brother who lives in Ottawa therefore we totally depend on this channel as our means of safety and weather around not only Canada but they have excellent coverage for the weather around the World. This would be a disaster not only to us but hundreds of thousands of people who watch and rely on this channel daily. This channel keeps us POSTED ON THE WEATHER IN OUR CITY, ACROSS CANADA & AROUND THE WORLD - IF THE WEATHER NETWORK IS NOT RENEWED THOSE OF US WHO LIVE IN THE NORTH AND AROUND THE GREAT LAKES, WE WILL BE CRIPPLED! PLEASE SUBMIT THIS TO THOSE IN CHARGE THAT MAKE THESE DECISIONS! PLEASE CONTACT ME SHOULD YOU NEED VERIFICATION OR MORE INFORMATION AM ONLY TO HAPPY TO COMPLIE WITH WHAT EVER INFO. IS NEEDED TO KEEP THEM ON CABLE T.V. NETWORK. "THANK YOU GAIL MACNAMARA

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-11

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9486

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 251244

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As a disabled senior on fixed income I need to know future detailed weather to assisted my daily requirements such as planning a trip to pick up food; also the barometric pressure has huge effects on my spinal disease and they always provide this - it helps in determining my medication levels. Please keep this access to me with my basic cable.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9524

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 251284

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The weather network is the most important one in Canada . People need it for safety reasons as well as all the information it relays. It is job related, day to day living related and seniors live by this information. We depend on it for travel info, scheduling of things like construction, social, educational and sports events. Not a day goes by that we don't have at least one TV tuned in to the weather channel all day. We are a country of various climates and weather conditions that are ever changing and it is imperative we know what is happening across our land.

The meteorologists are all excellent and fine reporters.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9530

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 251290

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The weather network is extremely important in a province like Newfoundland and Labrador where the weather is so variable from one area to the next and even from one period of the day to the next. Without information made available by the weather network travel within the province would be both difficult and more dangerous, particularly during the winter months. It is also extremely important that the weather network remains a basic service available to the widest range of people possible, to do otherwise would, in my opinion, put a large part of the population at risk of not knowing what to expect as far as weather is concerned. This would especially be true of the senior population.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-08

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 16169

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 258256

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We only have basic cable and use our TV to keep up to date on road conditions and weather reports/warnings in our northern Ontario area. Being seniors on a fixed income, these reports and warnings are extremely valuable in planning our day without spending extra money on more elaborate TV service over and above what we presently have. In the summer UV reports are also helpful when planning our day as a result of having had skin cancer.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 16448

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 258539

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** Yes

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Intervention made on behalf of Federal, Provincial, Territorial (FPT) Senior Officials Responsible for Emergency Management (SOREM)

**Raisons pour comparaitre / Reasons for appearance**

Request to appear by SOREM co-chairs to discuss Pelmorex's role in public alerting and related matters identified in the letter submission.

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**Client Information**

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 16464

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 258556

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I watch the Weather Network every day to help me know what weather is impacting my life. It helps me know if driving conditions or walking conditions are unsafe in the winter and helps me know how to dress in all seasons for the weather. Last summer the weather alerts helped us get out of the direct path of a tornado when I was up north. This is an essential service for people and needs to be accessible by all regardless of income. I am a senior and cannot afford to be spending additional money to receive this channel. Please keep it on general cable so that everyone can benefit from this resource.

**Copy sent to applicant and to any respondent if applicable:** Yes

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-12

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9901

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 251456

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Essential for seniors who are cable subscribers as the large format on tv helps inform them of the weather.  
In case of emergency this station is informed with helpful safety tips to share.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-12

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9833

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 251613

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

In Fernie BC the weather network is the only local forecast we get. We are ignored by Vancouver, Lethbridge and Calgary news channels. As a senior it is important to get accurate information, we have no transit systems so road conditions and imminent weather changes are essential.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-12

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9860

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 251640

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network on basic cable is a service I use on a daily basis. I am a senior on a fixed income and only subscribe to basic cable. The Weather Network helps me to plan my daily and weekly activities by helping me to choose the best days of the week to drive in optimum driving conditions, prepare for severe weather, or whether I should engage in outdoor activities when weather is extreme (hot, cold, poor air quality). Living as I do in a rural community, being prepared for weather events and knowing how impending weather might impact my travel to nearby towns for necessities or to doctors appointments in cities is of utmost importance to me. The charts that show what to expect hour by hour are especially helpful. The loss of this service on basic cable would negatively affect my safety. Please keep The Weather Network on basic cable.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-12

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9912

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 251650

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I support the Weather Network, as an Albertan, senior, and active cyclist/XC Skier, I use the network multiple times a day to help decide my training times based on weather conditions. I also use it to prep my Grandson for elementary school and what he should wear, he lives with us. I would say the network keeps updating its information and format so I am a happy user.

**Copy sent to applicant and to any respondent if applicable:** Yes

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10059

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 251655

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a senior and count on the weather network daily for the weather for information in the days ahead. If it is going to be stormy I need to get out to get my needs at the stores. I use a walker or a scooter depending on how far I go. In the winter they don't plow the sidewalks and I need to know how I'm going to get to appointments. Being aware of stormy conditions daily is helpful and a "need to know" ahead of time is a must. When a storm brews in the Atlantic ocean it will sometimes affect us. An Alberta clipper can create problems and even more if it connects with a Colorado low. All these conditions I watch for. I can't exclude weather alerts like tornado warnings. the weather station is vital to everyone. whether we commute to work in another city or across town or watch for safety reasons of other kinds keeping the weather network should remain part of basic cable.

Not to mention we pay a high enough price for an inferior cable package as it is, why take stations away and have us pay more for fewer channels. I thought you were on the consumer's side.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-13

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9977

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 251721

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I would like to see The Weather Network remain in our basic cable package.

I use this channel every day to plan my time, dress, driving, travel options, and safety concerns.

I also feel that Canadians who cannot afford more expensive cable and satellite TV packages should continue to have access to The Weather Network on the basic TV service. It is a well-known fact that seniors greatly enjoy watching the Weather Network, and it is also seniors who often have the greatest restrictions in their budgets and cannot afford more expensive channel packages.

I also believe emergency alerts are an important public safety tool and should be available to everyone.

We, like many Canadians, live in a small community without access to very many communication options (little radio, no local TV, etc.), so it is important to us to have accurate, scientific, and reliable, and world-wide weather information as provided by The Weather Network.

The Weather Network should remain on the basic cable service so Canadians who do not have access to, or are uncomfortable using, broadband Internet can have access to weather news on TV. This is especially true for seniors who have not grown up with computers and who find them more difficult to use the older they get.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-13

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10093

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 251832

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Our family rely on this weather channel daily. We can afford basic cable where this network is luckily part of our package but we understand now that this could change in the very near future if we do not have some of the more expensive cable packages. We are seniors ourselves but have the responsibility of driving my very elderly parents to various medical appointments and as they live further in the north (Barrie) it is crucial that we know the road conditions ahead of time. I also transport my granddaughter to a high school at the other end of our town as it required for her specific needs.

This weather network is essential to us, please do not remove this service channel.

If this should actually occur we may cancel our cable network totally as there really isn't a great deal of viewing of interest left for us.

Thank you.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-14

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10368

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 252109

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I believe in these

Things and include them in my comments of support

I rely on and value The Weather Network being on the basic television service for any number of reasons. I find the HD weather offered too busy and I may not always be able to afford it as a senior. I refer to channel 43 in our Vernon BC area.

The Weather Network helps me plan both my personal and work day with constant local updates which I refer to often over the course of my day. Knowing what to wear and how to dress and be prepared for temperature, wind direction and speed is important to my wife's gardening activities, my walking the dog, starting my seasonal workday or fishing trip earlier or later relative to my needs for day light, low wind, precipitation levels and local road conditions which enable me to get the most of my day and night. Changing weather information helps me keep safe and productive each and every day with my frequent checking on changing conditions throughout the day and week.

As a senior and still working to make ends meet, I can appreciate how others must feel when having to continue to put more of their dollars into ever increasing programming costs. All Canadians should be able to access weather information to help them be safe and productive on a daily basis without having to have more expensive cable and satellite TV packages. This channel regarding our weather and climate both local and across Canada should continue to be accessible through The Weather Network as a basic TV service. Emergency alerts are an important public safety tool which aides in our preparedness for local changes which can happen without a lot of notice. The timely programs and specials of this current basic service is both entertaining and informative helping us to have a better understanding of this day to day changing phenomenon...The Weather!. What else would we talk about....eh?

The Weather Network should remain as the basic service so Canadians who do not have access to, or are uncomfortable using, broadband Internet should have access to weather news on TV? If you want it in high definition with the additional bells and whistles then you could have the option to upscale and pay above and beyond for this enhanced service.

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**Comments regarding TWN/MM  
meeting the needs of seniors**

**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-14

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10415

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 252157

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Truly an essential service! I install stair lifts and porch lifts for senior all over northern Ontario. My day starts and ends with these people and I often plan my routes around this information. Please keep this station going.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-14

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10565

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 252310

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I have the weather network on constantly. I plan my weekly outings and appointments according to the weather networks outlook. I am a senior living in Calgary and our weather changes constantly. This week I need my hearing aids checked but we are having snow, the appts are full so decided to wait. The weather network gives me the option of staying home and not getting into an accident or falling and breaking a hip. I associate with the people from the network and feel like they are family after you watch them all the time. I like to know what the rest of the country is doing in regards to storms and weather. I enjoy the videos people send in and also the pictures of sunrises and sunsets and northern lights. Around the world gives you a glimpse at happenings you would never know about. I find this more interesting than talk shows which just give you opinions. I have the basic cable option and would really miss the weather network. All seniors need to be stimulated and kept alert to avoid the dreaded alzheimers disease and I feel keeping my tv tuned to the weather station during the day the perfect answer when I am home. I lead an active and stimulating life so the weather network is not my only entertainment, and I do enjoy tv but sometimes the violence and craziness of some shows makes me turn back to the weather just for peaceful background listening. Thank you for letting me acknowledge my thoughts.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-14

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10602

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 252338

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I love the weather channel! I live in a retired senior complex & Everyday I & some of my friends & acquaintences. check the weather on weather network for temps of the day. &. During the day esp if going outdoors, to know how to dress, what all to take;i.e. Umrella, sunscreen, sunglasses, sunhat & covering, esp if higher temps are forecast. Also. Love to discuss weather with fellow residents & all us weather channel adherents are usually in the know!

So it would cause me a lot of grief, a lot of extra searching if this channel was cancelled! & I might have to say some things I would not otherwise want to say. So please incl this channel in your selections.

Sincerely

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-15

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10823

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 252568

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The weather network is a valuable service, especially for seniors and those who don't have ready access to computers or are not comfortable using them. In addition to their timely and detailed forecasts, they have a lot of interesting segments about extreme weather and historical weather events.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-16

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11275

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 253033

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I have been employed for the past ten years? as a delivery? driver working for a Drug Store business. The Weather Network's accurate daily forecast allows me to plan my day. Precipitation and temperature reports let me know before I leave my home what driving conditions I will encounter during my day. Many of my daily deliveries are to Seniors homes or apartment complexes. Seniors often ask me about the weather. Are the walkways covered with ice? Are the roads slippery?

I believe The Weather Network should continue to be offered in the Basic Cable package. I will be retiring in two years and like so many other Seniors, a basic cable package will be all I can afford.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-17

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11503

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 253277

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network should not be considered as a specialty channel because it is a ESSENTIAL and NECESSARY channel to everyday life whether planning your daily routine or travel during the winter season. They provide useful information and tips for every season as well as weather alerts. My husband and I have traveled across Canada and every motel lobby has the Weather Network on for travelers.

Basic Cable is expensive enough as it is without taking away ESSENTIAL and NECESSARY channel such as the Weather Network to a specialty list. It is part of our daily lives as well as my parents whom are seniors on a fixed income and live in a small community. They do not have Internet and The Weather Network is their link to the world. It gives them world news, basic tips on weather proofing and house and a look at the weather to where their children and grand-children are living.

The Weather Network is accessible 24/7. This is very convenient because weather does not take a break! Planning your day, your evening or the next few days, the team of knowledgeable and dedicated staff at The Weather Network are there for us. Their explanations of weather patterns are well suited for every age, from school age kids to seniors. As stated, The Weather Network is ESSENTIAL and a NECESSARY to a safe and enjoyable daily routine for every one and especially those on a limited budget without other means of accessible weather forecasts and news 24/7. Please leave The Weather Network on Basic Cable.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-17

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11597

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 253381

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network must remain with basic cable packages! Even better if it is allowed to be available over the air across Canada! As an RVer having access to weather conditions readily is a must in our changing climate. As a mobility challenged senior I rely heavily on advance notice of upcoming changes to conditions in order to plan my activities like grocery shopping, Doctor visits, and all other events both social and professional! Not every person is financially able to pay for expanded cable service, and in Canada the poor still out-number the more financially better off. In my mind weather notification is not a frill it is a necessity. It is a must for parents preparing their children for school, for drivers heading to work, for employees who bus to work and must be prepared for all weather situations. While I was a teacher in elementary schools many years ago, it was not uncommon for kids to come to school without proper outer clothing for the conditions of the day. They would be standing in the yard at recess shivering! We didn't have weather stations back then and the presence of the Weather Network today is a definite improvement over those days! It is a must today!

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-18

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11735

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 253529

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As a senior citizen, I count on The Weather Network to advise me of the weather conditions before venturing outdoors. I want to stay healthy and safe, especially at this stage in my life, and need up-to-date road and sidewalk conditions so I can prevent my having a car accident, heat stroke, frost bite or fall, due to treacherous conditions. Please accept their request and renew their license so Canadians are well and properly served through this necessary and valuable service. Thank you in advance for your wise consideration to this matter.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-19

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12000

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 253808

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

It is critical for all viewers to have access to the weather network -application # 2017-0586-5 and Consultation # 2017-365 in our basic cable service because this network could prevent danger in driving, walking and save lives in all kinds of weather condition. This channel is always on in our living room so we could plan ahead and be prepared to go to work, school , drive to shop or visit places, when doing yard works, etc.

I drive my grandson to school and i have to check this network if we have to leave earlier than normal, what outfit to wear, etc. It's been a tremendous guide to everyone to remain safe and avoid danger in driving, working outside and walking. My family loves the weather alert by the hour. It tells you when it's going to rain, snow or if it's sunny/  
Seniors rely on their basic cables, they can't afford and extra costs to their cables. They need this basic cable so they can walk outside safely or dress up properly.

They have limited budget and won't and can't spend more money than their basic necessities.

Children should be well prepared and clothed properly to protect them from sickness and at the same time enjoy outdoor recreational activities without being exposed to extreme cold weather without proper outfit.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-19

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12100

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 253916

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I'm a senior living alone and I find the weather information is invaluable in helping me plan my daily and weekly journeys. Without the detailed information given by this network I would not feel safe travelling to and from where I live in a rural area especially in the winter months. The information given is both timely and accurate.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-20

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12305

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 254131

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

CRTC notice 2017-365 for theweathernetwork.2017-586-5

I am a senior who really relies on the weathernetwork on Basic cable:

I have mobility problems and need to know the weather, therefore street/sidewalk conditions before going outside.

I also live on OAS so I cannot afford anything more than Basic cable.

I really appreciate their alerts.

I have family that live ie. in Florida and elsewhere , so when the hurricane hit and they were not available by telephone, it helped me follow the trajectory.

The timeliness of being to access the weather, at any rime as I need it is a huge benefit and only available on the weather network.

I consider it an essential service, and have come to rely on it.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Valerie Racine

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12423

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 254213

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I rely a great deal on the Weather network info. as I live on the shore of Lake Ont. in Hamilton and as a senior I rely on their forecasts for my area so I can plan my days events accordingly. I also appreciate the info. they provide re other situations e.g. El Nino. it is informative and educational.

Thank you

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-21

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12603

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 254394

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I depend on THE WEATHER NETWORK to plan my day. I'm a person with a disability and I need to know if I will need to leave early to get to my medical appointments and whether to dress for inclement or nice weather. It also lets me know if I can take my Shih Tzu out for a walk, especially in the winter. Being a senior this information is very important to me. Thank You.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-21

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12631

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 254422

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I believe strongly that the Weather Network should remain an accessible service to all users across Canada, as part of the basic TV package. With our harsh climate, daily weather has a major impact on our activities; knowing the weather forecast, sometimes on an hourly basis, and receiving weather alerts, is fundamentally important to everyone. On a personal basis, my husband and I have active lives and as seniors, we have chronic and sporadic health issues that make us dependent on weather knowledge so we can safely go out and about. I run my own business, and need to travel to an office several times a week; my husband goes biking or skating almost every day; I go out to the gym every day; and we both have to go out to medical appointments or to do errands several days a week. For all these things, we need to know what the weather is like and the forecast so that we can make decisions about how to travel - whether I can safely drive, for example, or whether we have to wear 'ice creepers' or take a walking stick to avoid falling.

The Weather Network is important psychologically too; we travel quite a bit and it is always so reassuring when we come home to know that the Weather Channel will be there faithfully, telling us what we need to know about our physical world. We watch it 3 or 4 times a day, and think of it and the weather broadcasters as familiar friends!

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-22

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12980

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 254785

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I find the information valuable to help me decide what to wear when I venture outside, especially first thing in the morning when it is still dark. Wind force and direction are important, especially in winter, the likelihood of black ice too for senior citizens like myself, for whom a fall would not be good (think hospitalization for a broken hip . . . waiting in a corridor for a bed . . . or outside if the corridors are full . . . check the weather again . . . what, a blizzard?).

Get the picture?

The weather here in the Maritimes can be changeable, and it helps to be forewarned.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-23

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13071

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 254882

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I fully support free access to the weather network in Saskatchewan and in all areas of Canada. Due to the recent loss of public transit in Saskatchewan,STC, it has become increasingly important that we all receive the most recent weather information possible. Many more people , especially seniors, are now forced to drive to appointments etc.. Because of this situation it is imperative that we have easy access to alerts and road hazards and weather conditions.. I fully support the relicensing of the weather network.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-24

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13386

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 255207

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

- we use the network to plan our day
- we use the network to plan holidays, long term and short term
- we use the weather network often to see what we might experience in our travels
- we are most appreciative of weather alerts
- we live in South rural Sask. where this is the BEST way to find out what is going on and if it is safe to venture out
- we have people living in hurricane areas and the weather network kept us updated in those instances, for which we are grateful
- in closing this network is part of us and as senior citizens we would like it to stay as is.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-25

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13501

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 255342

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Hello.

Please leave our wonderful Weather Channel available to all, FREE of cost - thru television or internet service.

it's also a great tool for learning the science behind our changeable weather systems.

Not to mention, the knowledgeable, interesting hosts/weather people that come into our homes thru tv access are a comfort to watchers that are shut ins for whatever reasons.

It's true, that Canadians who cannot afford more expensive cable and satellite TV packages should continue to have access to The Weather Network on the basic TV service.

I sincerely believe emergency alerts are an important public safety tool!

And millions rely on The Weather Network's coverage of active weather situations so you know how to plan and stay safe.

Especially seniors or anyone with chronic health worries.

Thank you.

Good day.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-29

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 14229

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 256141

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** Yes

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Comments are attached.

**Raisons pour comparaitre / Reasons for appearance**

If opportunity is provided, Bruce Power would like to appear and provide our view on the importance of the role Pelmorex Weather Networks (Television) Inc. 's plays in providing a central hub for dissemination of Public Alerts and on the importance of weather products provided by their service.

**Copy sent to applicant and to any respondent if applicable:** Yes

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-29

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 14294

**Application(s):** 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 256226

**Request to appear at the public hearing:** No

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I support the Weather network because, for all my weather information and alert ,I rally on this channel. I'm writing this on behalf of seniors of South Asian Canadian Association, our organization is rally on this channel for planning our activities and events for seniors. Currently we do not have any other resource to get this information.

This channel helps me and the community members to plan our days ahead especially in Calgary winters.

Hope you will allow this channel to continue.

Regards.

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