

**Lettres relatives à l'accès à MM/TWN dans  
les régions rurales, éloignées et du Nord**

**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-18

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 37

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

**Case:** 241542

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The service provided by The weather Network is vital especially in a country where the weather can change quite quickly. It should continue to be on the basic tier of cable and satellite services. This allows as many people as possible to access timely forecasts and warnings in the event of inclement weather. Mandatory carriage also guarantees that people who live in rural areas, which are usually underserved by media in urban centres can access local forecast information. Living in the Niagara Region I feel this area is underserved by media outlets in Toronto and Hamilton. The weather Network fills this void by providing more thorough coverage than the usual 5 min weather segment on the evening news. In summary, The Weather Network provides a valuable public service and I fully support the renewal of their licence.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 462

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

**Case:** 242008

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

J'aime bien meteo media pour plusieurs raisons. Premièrement, je travaille sur la route et j'aime bien savoir la température d'avance. Deuxièmement, je suis un adepte du camping et il est important de savoir la météo partout à travers le Canada. De plus, étant donné que je demeure dans un secteur rural, j'aime bien recevoir les alertes météo. Pour toutes ces raisons, j'appuie la demande de météo media auprès du C.R.T.C. Merci

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 105

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

**Case:** 241611

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As a resident in a small town in an area that is impacted by significant weather, we rely on the Weather Network on a daily basis. Critical information for tornado warnings as well as snowfall and storms allow us to plan and take appropriate actions. This is the most watched channel in my household and it is an essential service that must remain affordable. I cannot always rely on rural Internet; at times, TWN is a lifeline.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3610

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

**Case:** 245268

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Je trouve important que le canal météo média reste disponible sur le service de base de mon fournisseur. L'information que j'y retrouve est excessivement importante pour la planification de mes activités. Vivant en milieu rural, la connaissance des prévisions météorologiques m'est essentiel.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 134

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

**Case:** 241643

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

This is the first channel I access each morning as it allows to plan my day and in many instances my week. It is a valuable tool for me as it also gives information on air quality , an important piece of data when like I you have asthma. By including the weather network, both French and English channels, in the basic package the price is kept at a reasonable level so access is available to a wider audience. As a resident of Quebec I should point out that I access both channels.

Given the potential and increasing impact of climate change easy access at a reasonable cost becomes more important than ever during sever weather conditions when populations both rural and urban rely on timely and accuract results

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4305

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

**Case:** 245986

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Nous vivons en région rurale, où l'information météo est primordiale si nous voulons planifier nos activités extérieures. En effet, nous quittons notre domicile pour plusieurs heures à la fois afin d'accomplir les différentes tâches extérieures nécessaires à la production.

Nous devons donc nous fier aux prévisions météo de la journée et même de la semaine si nous voulons partir en toute sécurité. Il s'agit de notre sécurité et de notre confort. Ici, en Estrie, avec l'arrivée des changements climatiques, les phénomènes météorologiques extrêmes sont de plus en plus fréquents et nous avons souvent été pris par surprise avant d'avoir accès à MétéoMédia.

Ce merveilleux réseau nous est très précieux et nous ne pouvons accepter de le perdre.

Louise Gratton & Jacques Desjardins

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4512

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

**Case:** 246189

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

je demeure en milieu rural et j'ai des animaux (chevaux, moutons, alpagas.... J'ai besoin de connaître au mieux les prévisions locales pour mon village (Ste-Agathe Lotbinière) pour décider certaines occupations quotidiennes. Je consulte également régulièrement pour d'autres régions pour décider de nos destinations congé!

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 278

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

**Case:** 241802

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I support the application for the following reasons:

- I daily use the weather forecasts and other information to plan my activities, to make safe driving travel plans, and for awareness of potential serious weather events.
- The emergency alert system is a valuable tool for all communities in Canada and should be available universally without charge.
- There is a local weather service available but the coverage is local only, not continuously available and therefore makes any attempt at planning difficult.
- Many people in my part of country (large rural areas) do not have good TV cable service and having the weather service on basic cable is important to them.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 308

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

**Case:** 241838

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I believe that The Weather Network is a right to all Canadians and it should stay on basic cable because it is a go-to service to help Canadians plan their day every single day. Many Canadians would also lose important safety and weather information, on which rural communities, the disabled, elderly, and the physically impaired depend.

We would also be looking at the catastrophically potential loss of our national public alerting system. I am in support of TWN.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 440

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

**Case:** 241986

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network is very important in our day to day activities. We watch it on TV every morning during breakfast. As rural residents, it gives us all the information we need to determine whether we can travel safely that day or should wait for better days. We are retired and have the good fortune of being able to wait for better travelling / road conditions. Knowing if storms are a possibility on any given day, helps us protect our property and possessions. As I said, we are retired. We are also on a fixed, government pension income. As such, we can only afford the Weather Network provided as part of our basic television programming. We do have satellite internet but the package is very small and very expensive to increase it. It must remain as basic television programming. We do not have good radio reception in our area. Television is our main source of information.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4570

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

**Case:** 246248

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Je demande que la chaîne Météo média demeure en opération et que leurs licences soient renouvelées.

Nous demeurons en milieu rural et nous avons besoin de leurs précieuses prévisions météo ainsi que l'état des routes et conditions routières.

Étant invalide, mon budget ne me permet pas de payer pour un service de télévision, je dois donc pouvoir compter sur la gratuité de Météo média.

Finalement pourquoi le CRTC viendrait nous priver d'une source d'information si précieuse, très diversifiée qui rejoint très bien toute la population du Québec.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4573

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

**Case:** 246251

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Je demande que la chaîne Météo média demeure en opération et que leurs licences soient renouvelées.

Nous demeurons en milieu rural et nous avons besoin de leurs précieuses prévisions météo ainsi que l'état des routes et conditions routières.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 555

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

**Case:** 242104

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I wish to express my support for keeping The Weather Network available to Canadians via basic cable. It is an important service. Many Canadians do not have access to the internet, especially in small rural areas. I manage a very busy ophthalmology practice and I rely heavily on The Weather Network daily, especially during the winter months, to keep me informed of impending weather and storms. This enables me to plan ahead for office closure and shutdown. My patient base is elderly and I know they watch The Weather Network constantly and are reliant on it in the winter. Many won't go out in bad weather and they need to plan accordingly.

However, on a daily basis, The Weather Channel is always on my PC at work. I rely on it for the owner.

I have the app on my phone and access it several times a day. Please keep The Weather Channel on basic cable. It is an essential service!

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 594

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

**Case:** 242147

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Hello there! I would like to note my support of keeping Pelmorex Weather Networks (Television) Inc's application for license renewal.

This is because I live in a family that very much relies on the Weather Network's forecasts and services on a daily basis, and often multiple times daily, thanks to it being part of the basic television service. As we are in a rural area and commute long distances to school and work in order to determine how to dress for the day, whether or not to apply sunscreen, to check the air quality as I am an allergy sufferer and asthmatic who notes much more difficulty when the air quality is low or pollen levels are high and this is something that we can't just tell from looking or going outside and taking a few deep breaths. We also rely on their information pertaining to upcoming forecasts for our Scout group's outings and outdoor activities, travel plans for work or leisure,

We are a family that cannot afford more for additional cable TV channels or packages, and we know many others in the same situation and would therefore like to see the Weather Network channels remain on basic cable service as they provide the most weather information for our area in the easiest way to access it quickly at any time of day (and with a house member who works overnights this is important).

Their weather alerts are an important public safety tool, as our family learned first hand when the tornado hit Barrie many years ago (we have family there) and again when one went through an area just north of Toronto while we were there on a vacation a few years ago. In both situations our family knew what was happening and had time to take appropriate precautions to stay safe.

If the Weather Network was not available in our area there is no faster reporting or as easily accessible weather news because other services are not available on demand, only at certain times, and it's always hit or miss trying to find a forecast on the radio and not as timely or detailed information is available online (which many people are not comfortable using - ie older members of our family or those with intellectual or developmental problems), and not all members of our family have access to the internet for financial or location reasons.

Thank you very much for consideration of their request for a license to remain on basic cable.

Best regards,

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 7553

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

**Case:** 249270

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

notre famille utilise météo média tous les jours...surtout les prévisions pour notre village..comment habiller les enfants pour l'école ? on consulte météo média.

nous sommes en milieu rural , il est important d'être bien informés de la météo à venir ça nous aide à planifier les tâches à effectuer.

météo média est la seule chaîne d'informations climatiques...inondations,tempêtes etc...grâce à météo média nous savons ce qui se passe réellement dans notre monde.

nous recevons aussi beaucoup d'informations sur le fonctionnement des phénomènes météo...

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9813

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

**Case:** 251593

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

En tant que citoyenne, je crois qu'il est important, voire nécessaire, que les postes de télé de météo demeurent accessibles sur le câble de base car cela permet à un grand nombre de personnes d'avoir facilement accès à des services météorologiques de qualité et ce, tant en zone rurale qu'en milieu urbain. De plus, cela permet l'accès facile à des alertes météo, ce qui est vraiment important. Chez nous, nous utilisons les services offerts par le poste de Météomédia à tous les jours afin de planifier comment on doit se vêtir considérant la température prévue. Nous l'utilisons aussi pour savoir quelles sont les conditions routières dont nous devons tenir compte pour notre bien-être et assurer notre sécurité. Enfin, c'est aussi via ce poste que nous avons accès à de l'information pertinente sur certains risques pour notre santé tels l'indice UV et les niveaux de smog. Pour toutes ces raisons, je vous demande de renouveler la licence des Weather Networks dans sa forme actuelle. Je vous remercie.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 610

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

**Case:** 242163

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As a senior, cost is always a big consideration since our low income allows us to only have basic TV. No matter where we are in Canada, we pay taxes so whether in rural or remote areas, we should have access to weather information which should not be only for the privileged. What other way do we have for emergency alerting? The Weather Network offers a Canadian universal alert system which is becoming more and more important considering the global warming changes in our weather patterns. In order to keep us all connected and safe, The Weather Network should be allowed to continue its work of monitoring and reporting on basic TV.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 516

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

**Case:** 242064

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Nous aimerions que Météo Média reste dans les frais de base de télévision; en effet, nous écoutons cette chaîne pour nous renseigner sur la température à venir, nous tenir informer de ce qui se passe au Canada et dans les autres pays au niveau météo ce qui à mon avis, est la seule chaîne qui parle des effets climatiques, des ouragans et quels précautions prendre pour la tempête qui vient. Nous aimons la façon dont la météo est présentée ainsi que les explications scientifiques des experts météo. Merci de prendre en considération que nous demeurons dans le Nord du Québec et que l'état des routes l'hiver est primordiale et merci de garder météo média avec le tarif de base car sinon nous ne pourrions plus avoir accès à notre chaîne de t.v. préférer.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9013

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

**Case:** 250753

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Laissez la station meteomedia accessible pour tous en lui octroyant une case dans le choix télé de base pour tous. Il n'y a pas de journée sans que je m'informe du temps qu'il fera...c'est primordial et omniprésent dans ma vie, dans ma télé de tous les jours, pour mes déplacements en ville ou en région rurale.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-23

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 836

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

**Case:** 242386

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network should remain part of the basic cable package because it has become an essential service in many ways including reporting wind speeds and direction (most weather reports don't do that), publishing weather alerts, warnings and watches. They also report on weather around the world which no other news reports do unless there's a disaster somewhere. I personally consult it several times a day: when is the rain expected to start, how heavy is it going to be, what's the temperature now outside. In rural areas, it must be even more important where so much depends on the weather - I know I grew up on a farm and so wish we'd had access to a Weather Network back then.

Please don't take it out of the basic cable package.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5645

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

**Case:** 247403

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

J'habite à Saint-Didace, un petit village au nord de Lanaudière. La voiture est nécessaire. Météo-média est notre guide de sortie surtout en hiver, car les routes sont tortueuses.

En été, nous consultons quotidiennement Météo-Média pour notre jardin : nous sommes au début des montagnes et les températures sont plus basses qu'à Montréal. ; pour le jardinage, connaître la température est un gage de succès ou d'échec parce que les variations avec les changements climatiques sont vraiment énormes : couvrir ou ne pas couvrir le soir, prévoir si on part quelques jours... pour l'arrosage etc.

De plus nous donnons des cours de dessin en plein air.... et prévoir la température pour une sortie est indispensable : s'il pleut il faut un plan B...

Merci Météo Média !

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-23

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 989

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

**Case:** 242540

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am urging the CRTC to provide Canadians continued access to weather and safety information through the Weather Network by allowing:

- The Weather Network to remain a basic television service to make it available all Canadians not just those who can't afford to pay for additional channels and continuing to allow rural and remote Canadians with limited Internet access to rely on these valuable services as they do today.

- Continued access to regional and rural weather news provided by the Weather Network.

Discontinuing the CRTC license for the Weather Network would result in:

- A reduced subscriber base and less advertising revenue, forcing it to focus their offerings on the largest markets in Canada where most 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.

Continued CRTC license would ensure that valuable public alerting services that are presently offered for free (which they should be).

The Weather Network needs stable and predictable funding associated with basic distribution, to maintain the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination System for free. Without this funding, the availability, effectiveness and cost to Canadians of public alerting in Canada could become prohibitive.

Please, allow The Weather Network to continue its investment in cutting edge digital and mobile applications that allow Canadians to access weather and emergency information, no matter where they are!

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1000

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

**Case:** 242551

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I understand that the Weather Network is up for renewal. I would like to intervene in support of keeping them on basic cable. They provide a necessary service which has direct impact on the decisions of many, many Canadians. Before I went on maternity leave, I used to work outdoors everyday. TWN was directly responsible for what I wore and what additional I took with me on a daily basis. As well, I live in a rural area, so in the winter time, they are key in determining my route when I drive or whether I should avoid driving due to dangerous conditions. The radio weather and traffic reports pale greatly in comparison to the detail I get from The Weather Network. Please ensure they remain on basic cable. They are far more important than any tv show which only provides entertainment value. Thank you.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 7739

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

**Case:** 249458

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Mon mari travaille en agriculture et la météo fait partie intrégrante de plusieurs tâches qu'il a à accomplir donc il doit consulter la météo quotidiennement et même à plusieurs reprises dans une même journée. Météomédia est donc pour nous un service très important et nous trouvons important qu'il demeure accessible à tous comme c'est le cas en ce moment

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1025

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

**Case:** 242577

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am providing my support for the weather network. It is part of my husband's and my day. Living in Northwestern Ontario getting local weather is very important to help me plan for not only myself but my kids. My parents live in a rural community that involves driving at least 15 minutes to the nearest store, and they rely on the weather network when planning anything they do. My grandfather is 97 years old and all he watches is the weather network (and hockey night in Canada). He likes knowing the local forecast and without or reduced access to this would greatly impact his ability to remain active.

Besides myself and my family, my work place has the weather network on the television for our clients. Working in mental health many of our clients have very limited resources and being able to access local weather and warnings is extremely important to help keep them safe.

Thank you for opportunity to express my support for continued reasonable assess to this channel for those living in my community.

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**Intervention Number:** 7806

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

**Case:** 249530

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

je suis producteur agricole, alors chaque jour je consulte la météo, car mes décisions sont directement reliaer a celle-ci.  
Météo Média est pour moi une source d'information très précieuse.

Merci !

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**Intervention Number:** 1124

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

**Case:** 242682

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am absolutely in support of The Weather Network remaining on basic cable. It is almost an essential service when the weather can affect how a person goes about their day. The first thing both my husband and I do when we get up is tune in to the Weather Network to see how the day's weather will affect our work. As a realtor in a rural area, if heavy rainfall or snowfall is expected then I may advise my clients for us to reschedule showings. My husband is an industrial finisher and highly humid days mean he should avoid spraying finishing coats on cabinetry. We are also surrounded by farms and the owners rely heavily on weather forecasts in planning when to plant, when to harvest, etc. As an essential information provider to so many, it should remain on basic TV service. Many individuals cannot afford to add channels to their package.

Special weather and emergency alerts are only as successful as possible if they get out to the highest number of people possible. If the The Weather Network is no longer provided as part of the basic cable package that will result in a substantially smaller number of people seeing these alerts. I know that in our rural area we don't have a viable alternative to receive this information and our internet service is so substandard that we really can't honestly rely on it to have access to weather news online. This may be the case in city centres but many Canadians living outside the city in rural settings would be greatly disadvantaged by having The Weather Network taken off the basic cable package.

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**Intervention Number:** 1126

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

**Case:** 242684

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

On behalf of myself, my wife and our large and extended rural Alberta family I would like to voice our support for the televised version of the weather network. Like many rural residents in Canada our internet is painfully slow and often intermittent. We access our local weather on a daily basis using the Weather Network on television. We depend on this information to plan our short and long term agricultural endeavours, our trips to town and also rely on weather alerts to ensure our personal safety as well as the well being of the livestock and other animals entrusted to our care.

Please continue to provide this service to all Canadians and especially to our rural residents who provide much of the food products which sustain your life every day.

Thanks

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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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**Intervention Number:** 1346

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

**Case:** 242916

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Good Day,

I would like to offer my support to definitely keep the weather network included as part of the basic TV package.

It is an invaluable tool that we refer to multiple times on a daily basis. Our local channel only provides road conditions and weather warnings during their scheduled news hours. When you have to gauge your rural travel plans by a report that is from last night's info, it can put you right out of the picture.

There are numerous channels that Rogers provides that are a total waste of air time, get rid of them!

Please do not confuse the weather network with any of the "luxury" channels we are paying through the nose for ! :-), this is a necessity and should be regarded as such.

Thank you very much

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**Intervention Number:** 1584

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

**Case:** 243158

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Since weather is constantly changing on a local level, and Canada is such a vast country, having a service like The Weather Network is invaluable for many people, especially those in rural communities.

In short, please renew their license; they provide something that no one else can currently match.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1618

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

**Case:** 243196

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

we start every day with the weather network, my husband is a truck driver who drives long distance and every day I am tracking the weather in specific areas so that he will know what to expect when he gets to his many destinations. I am retired but I think that it would be just as important for young families that have young children...how to dress them properly for the day ahead of them. Living in a rural area there is no local news to inform us of the weather for the day so it's great to be able to use the weather network to focus in to our specific little town. this service should be a basic right available to everyone.

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**Intervention Number:** 1654

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

**Case:** 243225

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

**Respondent:** No

### **Comment**

The Weather Network television station is a critical part of daily planning in our household to plan our day and prepare for outdoor work.

Working at heights, in the bush, traveling roads that are not well maintained, clothing choices for the elements likely to be encountered, and especially weather forecasts for traveling our rural roads and highways at the base of the Bruce Peninsula, traveling north or south on Highway 21 - the most closed highway in the winter in Ontario - and around Georgian Bay to the North Channel are all routes we frequent.

We also own a motor boat and travel the Chi-Cheemaun ferry between Tobermory and Manitoulin Island about 30 times per year or more, so wind direction, speed, and duration are often factors on when we boat or ferry or not.

For ALL of these activities, and long range planning, WE RELY on The Weather Network primarily on television to access. Living in rural mid-western Ontario, broadband Internet is not an option everywhere, and spending time at our Manitoulin property the broadband is not even an option. Knowing many of the residents of Manitoulin and the six First Nation communities who reside there year round, we know that even access to television can be difficult depending on the topography and availability of services. Incomes are limited and luxuries such as Internet and computers are luxuries many simply cannot afford.

I, personally, very much appreciate being able to access The Weather Network across Canada, whether I am working in Peace River AB for weeks at a time or visiting friends in PEI. The Weather Network is often the station tuned in at roadside restaurants and gas bars for travellers to obtain updated forecasts, weather warnings and watches and weather news.

I seldom use the weather APP although I do own an iPhone simply because I find the iPhone screen too small to scroll and easily view what I want AND I need to be parked and stationary in my vehicle in order to access it.

Weather Alerts are extremely important to me - snow squall watches and warnings, severe weather in the form of torrential rains, tornados, etc. are something I like to remain vigilant for - especially when travelling on the water or on roads in areas I am less familiar with.

I use the Weather Network to plan my garden planting and outdoor work and my indoor work for inclement days - it is more efficient than the old days of 'being caught in weather' I wasn't expecting.

The Weather Network should be a national right for everyone - from TV to Internet and through APPs. Do NOT drop the television aspect, please. My 80-something parents still drive and they use The Weather Network daily to plan their outdoor activities and road trips to/from medical appointments that are often a 2 hour drive away.

During a lengthy cancer treatment period in the winter months of 2011/12, that took our family weekly on a 3 hour each way journey back and forth from Bruce County to the Juravinski cancer hospital in Hamilton, The Weather Network was our lifeline for planning - when we needed to leave the night before and absorb the cost of hotel rooms or when we were OK to leave early in the morning on the days of required treatments or even whether it was safe for us to return home.

The rural roads of Wellington, Huron and Bruce Counties are often scarcely maintained during greasy or blowing snow events that quickly accumulate or sleet and black ice - it usually happens after the majority of weather related traffic accidents have already occurred. The Weather Network gave our family some peace of mind knowing that the

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information it provided helped us to be as prepared as we could when planning each trek to the city, especially during stressful times and stressful weather conditions.

We sometimes drive around Georgian Bay to Manitoulin Island in February to check on our property for winter weather damage. It is a 7 hour drive in good weather and can take 9 hours or more in poor weather - we monitor the weather before, during and after to know where our windows of opportunity to travel safely are.

Life without The Weather Network on television would be a serious deficit in our ability to gather the information we require and it should be every Canadian resident's right to access easily and without great expense - it is part of our national safety.

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**Intervention Number:** 1671

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

**Case:** 243243

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

For those of us who live in rural areas and specifically those seniors who do not have internet, it is absolutely important to have the weather station available to know what is coming for a few days ahead. It should be mandatory that all cable and satellite providers have the weather network as a part of their standard package and satellite providers should have receivers that allow interactive capabilities that allow satellite subscribers to get area specific weather information.

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**Intervention Number:** 1709

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

**Case:** 243280

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My family and I use the Weather network to help plan our days and weekends. This may sound like we can do without the weather network but we can't. We live in a rural community and there is no other service like the Weather network that we can use. We use the UV scale to help us getting the kids to make sure they wear sunscreen and cover up. It is just not Mom being over protective, I can show them on the site and they can see for themselves. We use the pollen scale to help with my son's severe allergies. I use the min and max temps for my garden so I know when to protect my tender food crops (and flowers). I also use the severe weather warnings so I can make sure we are prepared.

I also use the weather network for work. I get the alerts or check that there is high winds or severe thunderstorms I can advise workers so they are not in dangerous situations like being on the roof in high winds. If I don't have access to this workers are going to get hurt. Please keep the weather network available for all Canadians not just the large city population.

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**Intervention Number:** 1723

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

**Case:** 243294

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I support the renewal of the licence for The Weather Network. This channel provides a vital service to Canadians to understand weather systems in their area, be aware of serious weather alerts for personal safety & help plan daily activities. I live in a small rural community and watch the weather network every morning to be informed of current and future weather systems in my area and across Canada. This information also assists with making personal travel plans. The Meteorologists are very knowledgeable and have excellent broadcasting skills. Their explanations are detailed enough & timely.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1749

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

**Case:** 243321

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Greetings CRTC!

I am a private Canadian Citizen whom is writing this letter in support of the Weather Network:

Application number 2017-0586-5

Consultation number: 2017-365

The Weather Network is a vital TV and online resource that I use everyday, in many different ways (plan: my day, daily activities, vacations, camping. Keeping me informed with FACTUAL information happening across Canada; knowing what is happening in the rural and small communities across Canada, and the world). In addition, it has been a site that has provided me with both weather and news alerts that have a significant impact to my life.

I see The Weather Network as a critical service for my everyday existence as a Canadian.

Adding a cost to it would be a significantly negative impact to lower income and marginalized people in our country; or even everyday people whom are struggling to make ends meet.

The Weather Network should never ever be removed from basic television service as it is a critical source of information and not everyone has internet to be able to use its respective online site. In fact, it should receive more funding so it can improve its coverage area (increase distribution) and also its technology. Thank you for considering this request and taking the time to read my letter. I wish the CRTC much success as it continues to advocate and regulate on behalf of regular Canadians like myself.

Kind Regards,  
Carla Binger

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**Intervention Number:** 1779

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

**Case:** 243351

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I support the licence renewal for The Weather Network.

My family uses The Weather Network on a daily basis to get the most out of our day. We watch The Weather Network on television every morning and evening. They help get us information to decide whether or not we will be headed to the beach, if sunscreen is required or if it will be one blistering hot of a day. One of my favorite features is that they put out severe weather warnings and watches to us the public. Which can and does save lives. It also helped us save our property from flooding.

The Weather Network has a feature that when Active Weather hits they have up to the minute information and live coverage on that event. When large Nor'easters impact us here and brings severe rainfall and or snowfall we rely on The Weather Network for that information.

The Weather Network should remain on basic services. Yes, there are many elderly folks around here who do not have internet, and many of us do not have internet coverage here in rural Nova Scotia. So many push to the television when trying to access this information.

The Weather Network is an important tool to my everyday life, as well as my family's and without it. We wouldn't be getting the most up to date and accurate information available for our location here in rural Nova Scotia.

They are also an inspiration to my life. I have always wanted to become a meteorologist and without them I wouldn't have pushed to succeed in school.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 1879

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

**Case:** 243454

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We use the weather network extensively, both for short term and long term planning. Our family of three lives in PEI, in a relatively rural community, and we all leave for different destinations using different methods of transport each morning. Selecting an appropriate wardrobe not just for the conditions we can see out the window, but for the rest of the day / evening is pretty important to us. In addition we spend much of our recreational time outdoors, and longer term weather forecasts are an important part of our weekend planning process. We have relatives in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, so a knowledge of winter driving conditions is especially important...not just for our local area, but for other destinations in the Maritimes. Weather forecasts also play an important role in our scheduling of routine tasks such as yard maintenance, snow removal etc. We are avid gardeners. In addition to our garden at home, we have a larger plot we cultivate further out in the country....timely weather information (i.e. rainfall, frost risks etc.) is especially important in managing these. Finally we, as a family, take emergency preparedness very seriously, especially with the increasingly unpredictable and severe weather events associated with climate change. The Weather network plays an important role in alerting us to potential severe weather well in advance, as well as providing a lot of good information that can be used to help prepare for such events (wind, flooding etc.). We are always interested in learning the science behind the weather. Educating the viewers of The Weather Network is an important component of the service the network provides. Education will become more and more important as climate change ramps up in the decade to come.

In short, we strongly support the role of the Weather network as a basic service...we do not watch much TV...chiefly weather and news with a scattering of other programs, so we are not at all interested in large "bundled" packages. In addition we very much appreciate that the weather network is available 24/7....other than the Weather network, timely access to local forecasts, especially on weekends, is limited.

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**Intervention Number:** 1929

**Application(s):** 2017-0584-9, 2017-0586-5

**Case:** 243527

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

**Respondent:** No

#### **Comment**

Concerning CPAC:

It is crucial to know the happenings as it occurs concerning Canadian Politics and activity within Parliament Hill in Ottawa including question period and briefings, events and remarks from PM Trudeau and the ministers and content to inform the political junkies and to influence future elections in the federal level and as well as provincial levels should the provincial premier (ie Ontario premier Wynne) and his/her ministers respond to remarks to the federal level (not to mention mayors in municipalities and cities big and small. Not to mention also business leaders who works for companies based in Canada or have strong Canadian ties (ie Canadian Tire) that would influence the S&P/TSX composite and Venture in which trades from Toronto Stock Exchange).

Concerning The Weather Network (aka TWN)

My family and I watch the weather network several times per day to help plan the day for my family. My Dad's a trucker, my sister works out of town and my mom works uptown and I don't like it when they get caught off-guard when adverse weather conditions affect traffic and road conditions (even with construction in progress). I feel that Canadians to have TWN (and its French counterpart MeteoMedia aka MM depending on region and language) as part of the essentials on basic cable as it's a must have even if they cannot afford for their more expensive cable/satellite packages. Emergency alerts is a must for every Canadian and TWN/MM as it contains crucial information to inform the personnel and act to prepare and/or then to take shelter or to evacuate, or take other action depending on situation ie: (flash) Flood, major Ice storm, freak snowstorm, intense dust storm, Tornado, earthquake, wildfire, tsunami, asteroid, extreme solar storm, severe windstorms > 100 km/h, AMBER alerts, important/urgent public civil emergency and/or law enforcement bulletins/notices, 911 telephone outage emergencies, national emergencies (ie war, invasion, nuclear attack [especially from North Korea] etc) and for public awareness regarding system tests. Coverage of active weather situations on TWN/MM is a must (especially lake-effect snow and severe thunderstorms, snowstorms, heavy rain, strong winds, extreme heat/cold, etc) so personnel (including my family and I) know what's going on and prepare to keep my family safe (or when travelling, postpone/delay/cancel the trip or alter the route around the subject or to another destination should active weather is affecting said destination when it's clear at home). If TWN is unavailable in my district, I would tune to stations from Detroit MI (WDIV, WXYZ, WJBK) or CBC Windsor, CTV2 Windsor, CHCH, CBC News Network, and/or visit the Environment Canada and Accuweather websites (and TWN websites too) also listen to CKSY or CKUE on the radio. TWN/MM is a must for every Canadian household on its basic service for satellite/cable (and fibre TV services) and for users who are uncomfortable using broadband Internet or have weak/slow Internet especially in rural and remote areas.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2146

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

**Case:** 243754

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I use The Weather Network regularly to plan outdoor work related activities over the course of any given week. I also use this service to help decide whether to change plans or stay off the roads in inclement weather conditions. I can see how this service would be very important to others as well, especially those living in more rural and remote areas and would hate to see this resource removed or limited to them. I also find the tutorials and information about why and how the weather works both interesting and educational.  
Rick Enthammer.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2176

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

**Case:** 243785

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I believe the Weather Network provides essential weather information that is unparalleled in Canada because of the accuracy of their forecasts, and alerts of severe weather.

I use the watch the Weather Network each morning to help plan my day. Knowing the weather determines travel plans, outdoor activities, clothing, etc. I have family members living across the country and enjoy knowing the weather they are and will be experiencing.

While EC does provide weather alerts for certain adverse weather conditions, these are broad swaths of geographic areas. The Weather Network provide far more accurate local weather information this is essential during weather emergencies and for maintaining public safety. I rely on this information to keep my family safe and allows me to take precautionary action well before the weather emergency arrives.

Beyond the forecasts, a great deal of other educational information is provided to assist in understanding weather phenomena as well as actions to take to be prepared for weather emergencies before, during and afterwards. We living in a fairly rural area, and rely on electrical power for everything from water, heat, air conditioning, to entertainment. Hence, having enough gas on-hand for the generator during power interruptions is essential in order to keep everybody safe when there is no choice but to hunker-down and shelter in-place. Having this information helps keep my family safe. Without The Weather Network's coverage of active weather situations, I'd feel extremely disadvantaged in these situation because the is no useful local alternative access to weather news and information. Local weather broadcast on TV or radio originates from EC, but lacks detail on a local scale.

I believe The Weather Network provides an essential service to all Canadians and everyone should access to this service across all electronic platforms. As broadband internet capacity is limited to urban centres, keeping The Weather Network on the basic TV service packages (from cable and satellite providers) is a necessity for all Canadians. Due to the ridiculous and outrageous cost of rural broadband Internet access that exists currently, internet access is not a realistic alternative to conveniently access weather news and information. That said, The Weather Network could significantly reduce non-weather related garbage on their webpages (ie. advertisements) that only serves to increase data usage and the time required to load their webpages. Clearly, at least for now, there is no alternative to the affordable and convenient access to The Weather Network from basic TV service providers for accurate, timely, and essential weather news and information. This is not a specialty service, but rather an essential service for Canadians across the country, and especially those living in rural areas.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2654

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

**Case:** 243795

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We enjoy the Weather Network and have watched it from day 1 when it "went up" over 20 years ago. We lived in a rural area and watched the US Weather Channel on a 12 foot satellite dish prior to the WN coming on the air--getting info from Minot,ND was about the best we could do.

Weather is a vital part of life here in Canada and is always the topic of coffee shop conversation. We use the information specifically to know how to dress and when is the best time of day to go out. As we are seniors this is important to our health and safety.

The press has noted that the new CRTC chairman is a consumer advocate . This can hardly mesh with the idea of talking Weather Network off basic and charging an additional fee for this vital service.

The Weather Network has also started digital services on some streaming devices. This is a foresighted move on WN's part and should be a long range success as well.

Their coverage of the recent eclipse could have been better.

We support the Weather Network's application as  
BASIC CHANNEL.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2258

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

**Case:** 243871

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I've spent the vast majority of the past 30 years working out of doors - in a non climate controlled environment - having an accurate and reliable source of environmental information has been crucial for maintaining the safety of my crew(s) and myself. The available weather alerts have proved equally invaluable.

Further, my Father - an 80+ fixed income rural living retiree, also depends on the Weather Network for his weather information which allows him to plan his 'outings' appropriately. He does not have internet access, and can not afford premium cable.

The Weather Network has become such an integral part of modern life that it is hard to imagine - or accept - a time without their service.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2482

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

**Case:** 244112

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I live in a rural area in Newfoundland and access the weather information on The Weather Network several times per day.

All indications from climatologists indicate that the climate is changing, and changing more rapidly than predicted. Severe weather events are predicted to become more frequent and more intense; consequently it is of paramount importance that the public has free and extensive access to the best weather information and alerts available, and that this information is presented in an understandable visual and audible format. Such access will mitigate adverse weather consequences by allowing the public to be aware and to prepare for these events. Such preparation and awareness will help to reduce costs in terms of damage and insurance claims, disaster relief, and loss of life/health/work days. The Weather Network already meets the criteria for providing this valuable service, and it would be folly to discontinue a service that is familiar, effective, and efficient.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-29

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2579

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

**Case:** 244220

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My location is rural northern BC. I live 15km from a community of 1000 and 90 km from a community of 25,000 people. Elevation is 2300 feet and east side of the Rocky Mountains. Obviously I commute to work daily and frequently drive over an hour for everyday life services such as grocery or medical on a very windy road that changes in elevation. I start each and every day with the weather network. It not only helps me plan my day but week (s). I pick up the weather network on satellite tv. There is no cell service here and the internet is unreliable as it works on a cell signal with a directional antennae. As it is I frequently pass on the weather forecast to neighbours who do not have the tv service. I use it not only for road conditions but for planning for gardening in the summer and snow removal I the winter. I use it for work purposes as I work at visitor services and have both national and international visitors that need to know the weather forecast. It is especially useful for emergency alerts and warnings and preparation for these alerts. Everyone should have digital access on the tv basic programming. I personally only carry the basic programming as I find the cost to tv and internet very high in rural areas; much more than in large cities.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2592

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

**Case:** 244235

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I live in a rural community in Northern Ontario and the Weather Network is vital to provide weather information for our safety and survival in this environment. In winter the network gives key information for travel planning, even shopping planning to ensure that we have enough supplies at home when hazardous weather is forecast.

The forecast is also vital for our enjoyment of the outdoor environment in the warmer months. Frequent power outages are common in this highly treed area so the Weather Network provide important information to prepare for storms, get off the water (boating), away from open spaces and from trees, especially when planning activities for children or elderly.

We consult the Weather Network several times every day as part of life here and there is no other channel on tv or radio that provides the level of LOCAL forecasts, warnings etc. Please maintain this valuable service for the safety and well being of our rural communities.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-10-29

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2816

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

**Case:** 244430

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I cannot even believe that this is up for discussion! The weather network is my first go to resource for information on what to expect. I can access this 24-7 with my basic cable. Having up to date weather information is of utmost importance for everyone, but especially appreciated for living in rural Saskatchewan in the winter.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2882

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

**Case:** 244503

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Accessing The Weather Network is an essential start to our day. As seniors living in rural NW Ontario, weather can greatly affect our daily plans, notably in the winter months, which this year seems to be running from October onward! Anyone who has driven our highways from the Manitoba border eastward can attest to the necessity of having The Weather Networks information at hand. The Alerts that are sent out throughout the year are very important and allow for preparation re weather events. The winter road updates are critical for our safety and downloading the app on our phones allows us to road travel for doctors appointments from Kenora to Manitoba/vacations, etc., and look ahead for potential weather issues and plan accordingly. The hourly, weekly and 14 day weather breakdowns are most informative and are a basic start to our day. The ability to find current information at any time of day or night, anywhere, with a click on The Weather Network app as opposed to waiting for weather on the half-hour on the radio or without access to a TV for weather information is perfect. As stated in the first sentence, TWN is an essential service, does an excellent job and needs to continue. Thank you.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 2986

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

**Case:** 244593

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network provides important, indeed lifesaving, information to residents of cities, small towns and rural areas. With the increase in tornadoes, hurricanes, lightning storms etc., and with these things likely to increase and worsen over time, weather awareness is crucial. This network keeps us up-to-date on threatening weather so we can make the best decisions to protect ourselves here at home.

In addition, we are kept aware of important weather events around the world. As well, travel issues such as pending snowstorms, heavy rains, highway conditions are all vital for Canadians.

I strongly support Application 2017-0586-5 on behalf of the Weather Network.

Thank you

Gina M.Proctor

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3007

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

**Case:** 244613

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I live in a rural town in Manitoba and I rely mainly on the weather channel for any weather updates. I live by myself so The Weather Channel is my go to for any information. As a pensioner I have cable through my telephone service and find the cost affordable now. I really hope that this service will continue in its same course and stay affordable for us lower income citizens. When winter weather sets in, I plan my days and trips around their information. Without it I would pretty much be housebound.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3029

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

**Case:** 244639

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We live in Sauble Beach, Ontario, a rural area. I rely on The Weather Network to plan our day(s).

I also rely on The Weather Network for my job. I am a police officer and some aspects of investigation I use the Weather Network

in obtaining information for collision investigation as far as temperature and how it will affect road conditions affecting skids etc.

The weather information also assists in other aspects of investigation as far as wind direction and speed which also assist in collision investigation.

Investigation of other aspects require The Weather Network in helping to determine decomposition of deceased persons and further aspects of investigations of that nature.

We also rely on the Weather Network to plan our daily activities. We are planning an outdoor activity tomorrow night at our church which we are calling Trunk or Treat. We decorate our cars in the church parking lot and children are able to come to our trunk to trick or treat. This keeps the children off the streets in a more controlled environment. We are able to plan ahead with the assistance of the Weather Network if we need to have a plan B to take this event inside. I don't want to lose our Weather Network.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3162

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

**Case:** 244803

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

In our area we do not get good radio reception and with the weather network we get the weather/ amber alerts in a very timely manner, it helps us to be prepared for any power outages etc. before the severe weather hits. In many areas people consider this channel an emergency board cast channel. If I have to start paying for a channel that warns people of severe weather or amber alerts then I should not be forced to pay channels that you insist that cable providers have on their basic list if I don't want them, I have to be able to speak the language in order to understand the shows on these channels. I currently have 5 channels right now that I am paying because of this. The weather channel is the first we watch in the morning and the last one at night and if anyone is home during the day it is turned on throughout the day. In our rural household this is a staple channel not Legislative On, Omni1, TV5 etc

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3211

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

**Case:** 244845

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As a retired citizen in a rural area, I would like you to know that I strongly support the WeatherNetwork's application to the CRTC for a 7 year renewal of its license in order to maintain The Weather Network and MétéoMédia's distribution on the basic television package.

I literally consult the WeatherNetwork's weather reports and forecasts on a daily basis to inform my daily activities, as does my 96 year old mother in Ottawa! In the spring, summer, and fall, when we need to travel by boat to our cottage on an island, all of our extended family constantly check the weather for weather patterns and storm warnings so that we can plan and travel safely back and forth to our island. In the winter, I do the same, but this time it is for daily and even hourly walking and driving conditions north of Peterborough, where we seem to get as much freezing rain in the winter as we get snow storms!

Neither my mother nor I can afford to pay increased costs for what we consider an essential service if this is removed from our basic television service, as we can not afford to buy additional cable channels. With the cost of food and health services rising so dramatically, we are trying to actively decrease daily expenses, not increase them!

Finally, I rely on the WeatherNetwork's service to keep me informed of safety alerts in the case of extreme weather conditions which seem to be happening more and more often these days. If the TV goes off, I try to check on my cell phone, but I much prefer to be able to watch the WeatherNetwork's reports on TV where I can get full information on the situation and forecasts here and in places where my family lives.

Weather is a part of daily living in Canada, and in a time of increasingly unusual and potentially dangerous weather patterns, I feel it is even MORE essential than ever for all Canadians to be ensured affordable and easy access to information on what is happening with the weather.

Through the CRTC, I look to my government to provide this essential service to myself, to my friends and family, and to all fellow Canadians.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3340

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

**Case:** 244983

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

In my work occupation I need to consult daily and hourly weather forecasts during the growing season in order to provide accurate and timely advice to agricultural producers in Saskatchewan. Outside of the growing season I consult forecasts in order to travel safely within rural Saskatchewan and the other Prairie Provinces. Because weather forecasts have a limited degree of accuracy I consult forecasts of both The Weather Network and Environment Canada. Additionally the Weather Network's television broadcasts provide me with an informative, scientific and educational view of our country, not unlike the CBC does from a cultural, news and Canadian sporting point of view.

I wholeheartedly support maintaining the current level of service provided by The Weather Network and encourage their plans to expand coverage.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3357

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

**Case:** 245000

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3405

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

**Case:** 245049

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We live in a very "rural" area of Nova Scotia on the Bay of Fundy. One of my first steps each morning is to check out the Weather Network. Very often our days are guided by the local forecasts. The forecasters have become almost like family and we enjoy their interactions and care when one leaves or becomes ill. We need to know daily how the weather is going to affect the Bay and in turn affect our roads and what our plans will be. Storm warnings are a must here and enables us to prepare for what is ahead. Please don't leave us. You are a blessing. Thank-you, W.K. MacEachern

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3421

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

**Case:** 245065

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network is part of our morning routine - first cup of coffee with TWN on tv as we plan our day and upcoming week. We are a very small independent rural construction business, and my husband relies on TWN to plan for outside jobs (roofing, excavating, etc.) and also for inside work. We also really enjoy features such as the science behind the weather, and the Around the World weather items. Weather Alerts are also an important feature, as we are in a tornado prone area.

On another note, my mother has Alzheimer's and is in a nursing home in a small rural town. She only has access to basic cable - she has lost the use of her remote control for television viewing. When I put the Weather Channel on, she reacts positively to it. She can comment on clouds and sunsets and becomes more animated. If there was no Weather available on basic cable, she (and many others like her in nursing homes) would have much less stimulation.

We fully support The Weather Network and the important work they continue to do.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3463

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

**Case:** 245113

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Myself, my family, and my community is situated in rural B.C. Weather conditions, alerts,, and warnings are especially important in our daily lives. Many of us travel extensively on narrow and winding roads. Many also work on the water. Timely access to weather forecasts are absolutely crucial. Needless to say, the rural communities are in constant need of the weather Network. It is therefore essential that any costs related to this service remain as low as absolutely possible in order to be accessible to these consumers. This is not an entertainment issue, but an issue of necessity.

Edward Overland

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3525

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

**Case:** 245182

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Dear Sirs and Madames,

Please continue to include The Weather Network in Basic Programming.

Why?

- 1) They provide easy-to-understand material, which uses graphics and audio to demonstrate local weather and national weather patterns.
- 2) The people on The Weather Network are well-trained. They understand what they are reporting, and explain it well.
- 3) Weather information for local areas is available every 10 minutes, 24 hours per day.
- 4) People in remote areas can get Weather Network information; they may have no other source than satellite TV.
- 5) The extra information is very important for viewers to know what is happening across Canada and around the world.  
Examples: Force of Nature, Storm Watch, Emergency Alerts  
Canada is very large, and full of people who travel for business and leisure. We rely on weather information in order to plan our travel safely.
- 6) I use the Weather Network 2-4 times per day, for local, national and international information.
- 7) I own a farm, and farmers rely on weather information to plan planting, spraying, tilling, harvesting and movement of livestock.
- 8) I live in a rural community, where Emergency Alerts are important; we may need to switch to generator power.
- 9) I am a teacher and we use weather information to plan for the safety of our students.
- 10) In my area, there is no alternative source of weather information with the same level of detail, nor with the convenience of the forecasts 6 times per hour.
- 11) I have difficulty getting internet in my area. I rely on a weak signal from my phone to tether for Internet. The weather network on my TV is what I need. It is reliable.

Please keep the Weather Network on the Basic TV Package so that it is affordable and available to more people.

Thank-you

Genny Bittner

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3545

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

**Case:** 245204

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I live in Lethbridge, Alberta, and my job takes me on the road quite a bit. For example, in the last year I traveled to 10 rural and remote First Nation communities within Alberta from November 2016 to February 2017. It is very helpful for me to be able to check the weather forecast in the local communities so that I know the conditions I should prepare for while traveling, to keep myself and colleagues safe. In addition, at home in Lethbridge, I appreciate receiving severe weather alerts and warnings regarding events such as very high winds, or thunderstorms with hail, to help protect belongings and property. On an everyday note, our household checks with the weather network at least once a day to help us decide what to wear or equipment to take (umbrella; raincoat) and what to expect during the day or weekend. During the hurricane season, it is the weathernetwork and its links that offered the best information, e.g., about Hurricanes Harvey; Irma and Maria. This was important when you have family and friends in the Dominican Republic as we do.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3573

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

**Case:** 245231

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I rely on the weather network to plan my days of travel to the rural sites I manage in Saskatchewan.

In health care the alerts are so valuable to help prepare the long term care facility functions.

The residents of long term care facilities are on fixed incomes and love to be able to watch the weather network.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3739

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

**Case:** 245404

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Application number 2017-0586-5; and Consultation number: 2017-365

It is my understanding that this fall, the CRTC will review the broadcasting licence of The Weather Network and MétéoMédia and will determine whether the services will remain on the basic television service available to all subscribers, or if they will be moved to more expensive TV packages.

The City of Thunder Bay (City) supports the important role The Weather Network and MétéoMédia plays in providing safety, weather and environmental information programming that helps Northerners plan and stay safe all day, every day.

The Weather Network and MétéoMédia provide a custom local forecast to residents of Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario which is beneficial to commuters in the City and region. The public emergency alerting system notifies the public of imminent or unfolding hazards through the network and is an important safety tool. For many communities The Weather Network and MétéoMédia are the only source of up-to-date local or regional weather, including road weather information and weather warnings and watches.

Removing the weather network channel from the basic service would require Canadians to pay more to access The Weather Network and would affect the Weather Networks ability to serve some of the small communities and rural areas in Northwestern Ontario.

The basic television service remains the most available, affordable and accessible way for the public to access essential news, information and entertainment services. Removing The Weather Network and MétéoMédia from the basic television service will require all TV subscribers to access this service through a higher-priced channel package or for a standalone fee. We cannot afford a more expensive cable and satellite TV package.

The City supports the application to keep The Weather Network and MétéoMédia as part of the basic package for a seven-year licence term, at the same rate it has received since 1993.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3839

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

**Case:** 245512

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network provides an essential and potentially life-saving service which should remain easily accessible to as many Canadians as possible, regardless of economic status. If it ceases to be available on basic cable, many Canadians will suffer, in particular those who cannot afford supplementary TV channels and those who live in rural areas, including almost the whole of the Maritimes and the North, where the population is too thinly spread to support profit-based programming. Yet people in rural areas are precisely those who most need quick and easy access to reliable local weather forecasts, because we tend to be travelling longer distances for even routine activities (I sometimes travel 200 miles each way for a hospital appointment - I need to know before I set out if there's a storm system coming in that may make it unsafe to travel!). Gardeners need to know when there is an extreme weather event or early frost coming in so that they can, for example, be sure to harvest a crop before it is ruined. People with certain medical conditions may need to know what weather to expect over the next few days so that they can plan their activities - neurological conditions in particular can be very weather-sensitive.

The Weather Network also provides essential seasonal information, such as bug and pollen reports, and reminders of how to handle certain events (for example, tips on shoveling snow safely, or on how to handle extreme heat) - information that is particularly needed by newcomers to the country.

I have no doubt that if you were to restrict access to The Weather Network by not allowing it remain on basic cable, the country would see a steep rise in the number of weather-related deaths from coast to coast. Please do the sensible thing and renew their licence.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3913

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

**Case:** 245581

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I fully support the Weather Network. We depend on it daily first and foremost for our:

Safety;

we live in a Rural area so traveling is a big part of our daily routine so we need to be constantly updated on weather conditions.

Work;

my husband is a supervisor on a Construction Site he must make quick decisions regarding many depending on the Weather like should the employees come in today or not? And many other decisions to many to submit here.

Emergency Broadcast system is VERY IMPORTANT to us with living in a Rural setting we do not have the advantage of living in a big city where news travels quickly from neighbor to neighbor on an emergency situation.

We Need this Weather Channel we RELY on their broadcast EVERY DAY to help us.

DON'T REMOVE IT. People can only afford to pay so much and we have the smallest TV package right now if you change this we will not be able to pay any more to receive this programming. Do the RIGHT THING CRTC keep our Weather Network around and affordable!

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

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3946

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

**Case:** 245618

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We support the continuation of the current accessibility of "The Weather Network". We live in a rural area adjacent to a small town (Kenora, Ontario; population approx. 15,500). We check the weather network daily to get reliable information about upcoming weather, road and boating conditions. We travel 20 km. to get to Kenora and its important to know the rural road conditions for this trip. On three occasions we were warned of upcoming severe winter storms that closed our rural road but, due to this warning, we were prepared.

We travel to Winnipeg, Manitoba for medical, shopping and entertainment reasons. This is a trip of approx. 250 km. one way and our plans have often been adjusted based on information about poor road conditions we received from the weather network. We have no other alternative that provides such comprehensive forecasts of upcoming weather events.

The Weather Network is an important resource that we use daily to help provide for our comfort and safety.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 3978

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

**Case:** 245649

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My husband and I are retired and live in Wasaga Beach, Ontario, which has months of snow squalls in the winter. We count on the Weather Channel on our Rogers TV coverage to inform us of travel conditions, and, most importantly, road closures in our area due to poor visibility.

Please do not remove the Weather Channel from the TV schedule because people who live in rural and less-populated areas outside of the GTA must travel on snow-covered roads in winter and we count on the Weather Channel on TV to provide informed coverage, to enable us to travel safely, when needed, to our medical and other appointments.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4035

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

**Case:** 245707

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Please renew the Weather Networks license. We rely on this channel for our hourly, daily and long range forecasts every day. The traffic reports are also very important to us. Like many Canadians we live in a rural area and travel along many highways where weather can cause havoc and even close them. We also use the weather reports when planning to travel in Southern Ontario to visit family. It is extremely handy to know what we are we are driving into since the lay of the land and weather patterns can be very different only an hour or so away. The Weather Network has become an essential service in our home.

Thank-you

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 4693

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

**Case:** 246386

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

**Respondent:** No

#### **Comment**

The Weather Network provides a vital service to Canadians, and should certainly be considered as a part of basic cable services. Those of us in rural parts of Canada rely on the information provided by TWN to chose appropriate times to travel safely. In my case, I am 57 Km from the nearest store, and not having the constant information made available by TWN I would not be able to secure food, equipment and basic needs without stress.

The major service providers make exorbitant profits today, without having the revenue from yet another charge on our already loaded cable/satellite charges.

As my kids would say, this is a "no brainer".

Clearly there needs to be some services that we can rely upon without more costs.

Robert Peyton

#### **Raisons pour comparaitre / Reasons for appearance**

I wish to outline in detail the need for basic service from The Weather Network as a requirement for all citizens that are in remote, rural locations such as myself.

Written comments are adequate for suburban residents, but the Commission needs to understand the vital nature of the services provided to those of us that require this service. I would be happier to surrender a wide range of programs that I do not use for the ability to retain such a vital service as part of basic services.

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les régions rurales, éloignées et du Nord**

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5149

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

**Case:** 246878

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My husband and I watch the weather channel daily. We are retired and live in a rural community that has limited services and travel 88km to the nearest town for groceries and some medical services including hospital. We rely on the weather channel to plan which day the weather will be best to travel our road to town. We cannot afford a higher cost TV provider and would be seriously compromised without the weather channel. The alerts also give us a valuable warning to prepare our home and area for heavy rain, wind and snow conditions.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5227

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

**Case:** 246958

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The weather network is a vital service to those of us living in rural Canada. Internet service is not reliable. We use the weather network on a daily basis as we are dairy farmers. The weather network provides invaluable information on a daily basis and we use the information they provide to make important decisions based on their expertise. Not only do they provide information on daily weather forecasts but it is the special weather notices that we find the most important ie: snowstorms, tornados, rainfall and snow events. Living in rural Canada we have to drive everywhere. Individuals in our house have off farm jobs and need to know what the weather will be to know whether to venture out on a particular day.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5244

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

**Case:** 246976

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We own a cottage resort in cottage country and by a nice lake. We heavily rely on The Weather Network on an almost hourly basis to run our operations such as communal campfires, lake excursions etc. We're also being asked by guests before and during their stay how the weather is going to be. We don't have internet and don't offer it to guests (we're very rural). It should remain as a basic service so that us as well as all other Canadians who do not have access to internet still have access to weather news on TV.

Thank you.

Four Winds Cottage Resort

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5386

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

**Case:** 247128

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I live in a rural area where there is snow on the ground five months of the year. I watch a lot of Weather Network. It is part of my daily process. It guides me in preparing for what is coming. It helps me function on a daily basis. It lets me know when it is safe or unsafe to travel. Until I moved here recently, I used to think it was funny how much Weather Network my parents watched (and they live in the west coast lower mainland). I had no idea how really, really, important the Weather Network is to just plain living, in a place like this. I whole heartedly support their license renewal application and keeping the Weather Network freely accessible to all those (like me) who rely on it.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 5504

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

**Case:** 247250

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We need the Weather Network! It's the only TV channel that is "essential" in a country with such inclement, snowy weather as ours!

The Weather Network being part of the basic television service in all markets provides it with the stable and predictable funding it needs to deliver the same level of service to rural and remote Canadians. Basic distribution also allows it to operate and fund the backbone infrastructure of Canada's emergency alerting system at no cost to governments (and therefore, US, the taxpayers), or the broadcasters and telecommunications companies that pass emergency alerts to Canadians.

So please, let the Weather Network continue to be part of the basic television service, for the good of everyone!

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

**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 is being on the be cable channels, and removing less valuable fare like the American channels or 24-hour sales pitches.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 6124

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

**Case:** 247911

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We live in a small rural area of SW Alberta, where Chnook winds affect our weather patterns. Because we are rural the weather network plays a part in our daily lives re: all aspects of agriculture, livestock feeding, irrigating, future planning. Because members of my family have health issues, we depend on the weather network to know which days will be "good days" and which ones will be painful. Please continue to supply this much needed, and appreciated service to all Canadians free on our televisions.

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

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 6181

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

**Case:** 247970

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As a resident of rural Manitoba, I rely heavily on the Weather Network for accurate and timely weather forecasts. Further as a Homecare nurse , knowing what weather is coming is my lifeline. Much of my work here in the Portage la Prairie region is seeing clients in rural areas, and if poor weather is forecast, I can either plan my visit to them around the weather or cancel my visit. Thank you for the valuable service you provide. Please continue to provide this service as many of us do rely on you.

Janice Carefoot RN DSN

Portage la Prairie, MB

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 6348

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

**Case:** 248042

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network should continue to be provided under basic tv. services so that it is accessible to as many people as possible for local weather info. and particularly for health and safety. I access it minimum 1-2 times a day as it is very convenient for my family and I to plan how to dress appropriately and safely in every season. I use it to plan our activities and change them accordingly. I am a person with chronic illness and knowing local weather helps me to make choices and manage my symptoms. I also use it for work purposes. I am a teacher with a newcomers to Canada settlement program. I share the weather information, alerts and warnings with my students to help them and their families understand the importance of weather for their health and safety as well. In class, we access The Network to practice English skills and I encourage my students to use it at home to independently practice. Many of my students cannot afford additional costs for this service, nor have access to the internet. I feel this could create a barrier to important health and safety information not only for my students, but for many rural newcomers and Canadians as well. Thank you.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 6416

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

**Case:** 248111

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We are more remote in western rural Saskatchewan than any of you in the larger cities of Canada. We count on services like the Weather Network to provide us with watches and warnings of approaching storms, sometimes hours or days before they hit. This service is necessary not optional and, as such, we don't believe that it should be optional depending on whether you can afford to add it to our satellite package.

If you care about the safety of us Canadians who live in rural Canada please allow The Weather Network to remain on Basic Service.

Thank you.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 6770

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

**Case:** 248466

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As rural residents and agricultural producers in Saskatchewan, we consider weather to be a key part of our operation. We need all the weather information we can get.

In our household The Weather Channel is on for most of the day where it can be observed frequently. We rely on it to tell us what to expect from weather systems approaching from Alberta and BC, how soon they will arrive and how severe they will be. When we are away from the television, we use radio for the same reasons but then watch the TV for visual effects from various areas. We strongly support The Weather Channel in its present form.

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

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 7033

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

**Case:** 248732

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Good Morning

I am writing in support of the Pelmorex Weather Networks (Television) Inc. licence renewal. It is one of the few stations that bring the country of Canada together with valued and information that provides safety for its citizens. It and the CBC are the only two places on Television where there is a sense of unity across the country and I have to believe that bringing all Canadians together with a common purpose is a priority for the CTRC.

I live in an urban setting but I do know that for those who are much more rural and remote that this station is very valuable as a touchstone for them and weather but also provides a sense of themselves within a large spread out country.

I have been watching this station since it first came on air and continue to turn to it at least once a day.

I would say it is one of the most frequently watched stations in my family and needs to continue to serve all citizens of this country.

Thank You

Debra Moore MSW

Ottawa, Ontario

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 7061

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

**Case:** 248762

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The weather network is a fantastic and vital service to all Canadians especially those of us who live in remote rural areas and need to have access to basic service without question, 24/7. EMERGENCY ALERTS SAVE LIVES! Most Canadians cannot afford more than the basic service and would be vulnerable to extreme weather if they had to give up the weather network because they couldn't afford to pay extra. We rely on the network coverage for our daily weather coverage and faithfully watch it every morning and evening. Living in a remote area in Quebec we depend on the weather network for safety as we have no other local coverage available. Safety should not have a dollar value. The weather network staff are like family to us and do an informative and interesting coverage all across Canada. They are AMAZING people! I believe they have saved many lives that we will never hear about. Really, this is a "no-brainer".  
Thanks to ALL at the weather network!

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 8741

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

**Case:** 250481

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I check the weather network every morning when I wake up to help and plan my day. The weather advisories/alerts are especially helpful. I live in Toronto now but worked in small rural towns for ten years without local weather reporting and the weather network was even more important in these areas, particularly their updates on winter road conditions and regional weather. For people without internet, this is their only access to local and regional weather with lots of information (roads, regional maps, upcoming forecasts etc) consolidated to one channel; this is true also for the internet website - I can go to the Weather Network website alone and not have to search around to one website for Min of Transportation roads and then the Govt of Can website for weather and another website for weather in other parts of the world. I find their associated stories informative too and discuss them with my family eg. the ozone hole in Antarctica, ocean plastic and its origins, 400 dead turtles off the coast of El Salvador, etc. These stories and the videos that people upload also bring people together; in a country as geographically large as Canada, seeing videos from New Brunswick when I'm living in Ontario reminds me of all the diversity in the country.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 8809

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

**Case:** 250542

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I support the Weather Network application to stay on the basic cable/satellite package of all cable companies. With more and more local stations reducing local news or closing their stations, I rely on the Weather Network to find out my local weather and keep current on possible dangerous weather. I watch the weather network every morning before heading off to work so that I can be prepared for the day ahead. My husband and I own a dairy farm and depend on the future forecasts when planning our week for planting and harvesting our crops. The Weather Network is an important tool used in managing our farm and needs to stay in the basic cable/satellite package to keep it affordable to all Canadians. Internet and Satellite fees are very high for rural Canadians - we pay nearly \$200 per month for satellite and internet and the internet is limited by the number of gigs we can use. If the Weather Network were not available we could only count on the local morning news and 6pm broadcast to get weather updates - which in a severe weather situation is not enough. I have also heard that our local station is not renewing its license so we be will loosing any information we do get from that channel.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 8851

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

**Case:** 250583

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Plan my day so, that I always dress appropriately or bring what may be required for weather change later in the day. I also use this channel to know to leave for appointments/work due to weather & road conditions; or depending upon weather not to drive that particular day. I also plan my schedules around the weather from The Weather Network channel.

This channel is the only one I have relied on for years. It is the most accurate & reliable weather channel I have ever used. Literally it has saved me, my family& friends a few times.

I work very hard & like most Canadian families I know; we cannot afford a more expensive cable/satellite Tv program. We as blue collar Canadians should continue to have access to The Weather Network on basic cable. I as many others I know, do not have access to nor are comfortable with using Broadband internet & should have access to The Weather Network news on tv.

If The Weather Network channel was no longer available for my community, I would not have access to a proper weather channel that gives me, my family & friends The accuracy, safety & affordability The Weather Network channel does.

I, as well as others I know rely on this channel, especially it's hour to hour break down. We are all rural & have to travel great distances for work, appointments etc. , as do our children for school. The Weather Network channel actually covers by name our small communities & for this we are grateful.

Most Canadians, with the cost of living cannot afford anymore expenses; & the loss of The Weather Network channel & the emergency alert it affords us would put our lives, as well as those of our children's at risk. All due to higher taxes & living expenses blue collar Canadians cannot afford the loss of The Weather Network channel. Our lives matter too.

Respectfully,

Joan Poitras

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9429

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

**Case:** 251178

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As rural Manitoba residents who have no choice but to commute to work and to medical facilities, we depend on the Weather Network for long range and current info.

This Network is also a teaching tool for young ones and Immigrants, not to have the Network would be a deterrent to all Canadians.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9445

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

**Case:** 251199

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I want THE WEATHER NETWORK to continue to stay on the basic television service!!!! I use the weather network DAILY to provide me with current and upcoming weather and road conditions. It helps me know what to wear and how to dress, whether to apply sunscreen, or whether to leave early because of poor road conditions. It also helps me to plan my work schedule because I am often on the road. It helps me stay safe by providing me with weather alerts and keeps me up to date during active weather situations . The emergency alerts also provide a public safety tool. I want THE WEATHER NETWORK to continue to stay on the basic television service! There is NO local/basic television service alternative that provides me with the same in-depth information and because it is part of the basic television service it also provides access to MANY people across Canada i who cannot afford cable, are in rural remote areas or with limited internet access. PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE THIS SERVICE!! It would be a great disservice to all Canadians if it is removed from basic service.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9455

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

**Case:** 251209

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

To: the CRTC regarding application 2017-0586-5  
Consultation 2017-365

November 11, 1027 -----I am a hobby farmer with 1 farm worker. I search theweathernetwork.ca all day long for the following reasons:

wind direction & humidex is extremely important - too many reasons to give here

We also change clothes frequently (along with the weather)  
& checking all day long this help us immensely. ALERTS also.

This is a hobby farm. I am low income and if it is not on the free local channels then we are really messed up. I am in contact with the working classes and having this not just available on cable is EXTREMELY important. Often the working class are worn out from years of work, yet they MUST continue to work until age 65 and they especially need the alerts because it tells them that their outdoor type work may be cancelled the next day.

In rural areas our signals are extremely unreliable and any kind of weather makes our internet access very iffy.....even wind or rain.

This is the first issue I have taken time to write in about because I think of all the Canadian programs, this is the most important and every Canadian in our great and vast country should have access to it FREE.

I know nothing about how politics affects the CRTC, but I always vote. I am over age 65.

I plan on forwarding this letter to my MP and the Premier to please do whatever they can to see that it happens.

I very sincerely hope you renew their license and respectfully ask that the political parties NOT put my email on their list to email all kinds of notices. I cannot get rid of a pesky Conservative MP who refuses (despite repeated requests) to please cease and desist. He also fills my voicemail...and then wonders why I won't vote for him

Carolyn Crawford, crawfordfarm@xplornet.com

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9492

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

**Case:** 251250

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Please DO NOT remove or not renew the Weather Networks Licence. This channel provides accurate, up to the minute forecasts, including emergency announcements, storm watches, storm warnings, highway conditions, and many other ESSENTIAL and IMPORTANT services. For many smaller towns or rural areas, this is the ONE AND ONLY source of good weather. They obtain their info from Environment Canada and update constantly. Not everyone ACTUALLY HAS A COMPUTER, so the Weather Network TV and Dish stations are essential so PLEASE KEEP the WEATHER NETWORK FOR ALL CANADIANS

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-03

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 14749

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

**Case:** 256804

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network is an essential service. It is one of the only channels my family watches daily, providing information on potentially dangerous weather, especially in winter. I live in a combined semi-rural/suburban area, with treacherous highways and country roads. The information the Weather Network provides helps my family determine if it is safe to travel the sometimes long distances we need to go to make appointments and visit family, take extra-curricular classes, or even do our regular shopping. The main highway we live near is often closed or blocked due to weather or accidents, and the Weather Network helps us find out information about the safety of that highway. The costs of cable service are already outrageous and feel barely regulated. The costs continue to soar, with cable providers continually raising rates for substandard service. The Weather Network is one of the few channels left that is truly useful and valuable.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-03

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 14830

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

**Case:** 256889

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The weather network is beneficial in helping individuals and families such as myself who reside in rural/remote northern areas where we have no other access to weather warnings and updates. My family watches the Weather Network daily, especially in the winter to ensure we are prepared for inclement weather.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-03

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 14886

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

**Case:** 256947

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Given that global warming is creating significant changes in our weather patterns a publicly available source of up to date weather information is vital. Cost should not be an obstacle, nor should location (Rural vs urban). The Weather Network provides timely and necessary information which helps farmers, workers who travel a lot, and the general public. For people without a computer or mobile phone it is a safety line. Such important information should not be a privilege for only those who can afford it.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-04

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 14950

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

**Case:** 257000

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I support keeping The Weather Network as part of the basic cable TV package. There are many who rely on The Weather Network, but may not be able to afford it on a more expensive cable TV package. I live in a rural area where not everyone has access to the internet or it's very spotty/not dependable and would be unable to access The Weather Network. I watch The Weather Network daily to keep up with the weather in our area and other areas where family and friends live. I believe that there is a safety need to keep The Weather Network as a basic cable TV service. I respectfully request you not to remove The Weather Network from the basic cable TV package.

Thanks you, Alison Miller

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

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-04

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 15080

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

**Case:** 257156

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We live in rural Ontario and rely daily on the accurate weather reporting that we receive from The Weather Network. It provides us with guidance on how to dress for the day, what driving conditions to expect and many other things related to day-to-day life.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-05

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 15147

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

**Case:** 257221

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Good Morning,

AS a person living in rural Ontario,

we no longer have access to up to date weather information and must

rely on the weather network for severe weather information and up today weather.

Since all the local television has been taken away and cable does not support rural areas like they should.

Please keep this service available

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

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-06

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 15388

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

**Case:** 257466

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I fully support the renewal of The Weather Network's license. This channel, in my opinion, should be available to as many Canadians as possible so they have access to LOCAL weather reports and emergency situations.

I walk my grandchildren to and from school every day. I also look after my elderly mother, which means I drive rural roads. My husband commutes from Barrie to Toronto every day. Many people do these things, and the weather is a large part of the experience.

The area where I live suffered damage from the remnants of the Angus tornado in 2014, and thanks to The Weather Network, I was prepared.

Please renew their license. It's really important.

Thank you

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

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-06

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 15464

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

**Case:** 257543

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing my support of The Weather Network & MeteoMedia (Pelmorex Weather Networks) to remain on basic cable and continue to be available to all Canadians regardless of location, age demographic or economical status. In a time where access to technology and connectivity is largely assumed we forget our most vulnerable Canadians. Those who may be older, living in our rural communities or living close to or below the margins that may otherwise not have access to the means of information to keep them safe. In severe storms and active weather all are affected and put at risk. Maintaining access to critical weather information and threat to life alerts is just as important to them as it is to all Canadians. By remaining an essential and basic television service The Weather Network can continue to serve the needs of all Canadians and I support their license renewal with the CRTC.

Carolyn Linton Lysenko

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-06

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 15549

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

**Case:** 257638

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I use the Weather Network multiple times a day to plan a variety of things including: what time to wake up in the morning, (ex: will I need to wake up early to start my vehicle), plan my route to work, (should I avoid low traffic areas that aren't as well traveled/plowed), my work clothes, (do I need to layer or plan an alternative outfit if it's too warm), plan my activities for the day or following days, (ex: should I plan to stay in on the weekend, do my running around on a sunnier day, run errands before going home etc.). Without the opportunity to readily check the weather network I would feel lost and wouldn't know what to expect. As someone who lives in a rural community and who cannot always get access to internet I rely on the weather networks accessibility through cable.

In addition, I also rely heavily on the weather network for emergency alerts and responses. Again, living in a rural community who is often affected by inclement weather, it's important to be able to get the information easily. I don't feel it should only be available to those who are able to afford more costly cable/satellite packages. As someone who does not watch a lot of television but does pay close attention to the weather network, I feel it's very important I am able to access it.

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

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-06

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 15579

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

**Case:** 257669

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As a resident of a rural community, I use The Weather Network for information on our weather daily and have done since 2003 when our valley was ravaged by wild fires. This year we were in a similar situation and it was comforting to be able to know when we might see a weather change. As we were under evacuation alerts and orders here, it was essential that we know about wind shifts. The weather warnings are particularly important since wind gusts have become more frequent and being prepared is helpful.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-07

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 15770

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

**Case:** 257852

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

J'utilise Météo média a tout les jours. Je suis agriculteur et je me sert de la météo locale à court et long terme pour planifier les travaux autant en été que en hiver. Nous sommes dans un milieu rurale sans internet haute vitesse , donc pour nous c'est la seule façon d'être informé. Le canal de météo média est ouvert chez nous a tout les jours.

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

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-07

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 15784

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

**Case:** 257867

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I would like to see the Weather Network remain on television as I believe it is a vital way for Canadians to get updates on daily weather to plan activities, etc. As well, weather watches and alerts help keep us safe. Seniors (a growing population in our country); lower income earners, those with access issues (rural dwellers such as myself) do not have access to internet or good internet access, and the service provided on TV is important for them to keep updated.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-07

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 15868

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

**Case:** 257957

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

This is an essential service for rural communities in Manitoba and elsewhere

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

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-12-07

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 16030

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

**Case:** 258130

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a Canada Post Rural Route delivery person. I use the weather network every day to prepare for how to dress for the outdoor weather and to anticipate the kind of road conditions I will be likely to encounter. I find their information to be fairly accurate for the most part and find it helpful. I would miss their service. if their license was not approved.

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

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 16418

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

**Case:** 258507

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The weather network is an essential service and is affordable for all basic cable subscribers - many of whom rely on walking or public transit and require up to the minute weather to guide their day.

Today for instance, in the midst of a day filled with severe snow squalls, we rely on the weather to make our travel decisions. I expect that thanks to the weather network's information, the number of Road accidents and injuries are down. In rural communities where public transportation is extremely limited, the weather as provided by the weather network provides us with informative and comprehensive information when planning our required travel.

**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:** 9778

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

**Case:** 251555

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I live in a rural community and accurate local weather forecasts are not optional. I have come to rely on the weather network because I trust there forecasts. This trust is not lightly given. It has been earned. As an example, I would sight this summers BC wildfires. I new some time in advance that we would be evacuated because of the network's wind direction and speed predictions. This gave me much needed time to prepare.

**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:** 9787

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

**Case:** 251564

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network is a vital, indeed essential source of weather information for small rural and urban areas. Many of these areas like where I live, do not have regular daily weather updates, and on weekends, none for their locale at all. For folks like myself, who work out of doors, the Weather Network is something we consult often several times a day so we are best prepared for weather conditions as we go about our tasks. The Weather Network is also a fantastic educational tool for in class and home study exercises for our school children. It should be on basic cable so that all families even our poorest, can access their services.

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

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9817

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

**Case:** 251597

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I live in Kentville, NS which is a small rural area with few opportunities for employment. I am a nurse who must travel to the city to work. it is a 1 hour drive each way and I travel very early in the morning and very late at night when there is rarely any other traffic. I rely on the weather network to provide hourly weather reports which allows me to determine the safest travel time. When I can't get to work my co-worker doesn't get to go home.

Also, because coverage is national, it really connects Canadians from all parts of the country. There is not a lot of opportunity for that anymore.

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

**Client Information**

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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:** 2017-11-13

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 9935

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

**Case:** 251675

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Hello:

My family and I need The Weather Network to remain part of our basic television service.

This is the one place that we rely on for planning the safety of our day. Poor road conditions are common in Northern B.C., and we live 30 minutes out of the nearest city. We need the trusted reporting of The Weather Network to plan our work schedules during active weather situations. Both in the winter and summer, active weather situations happen often here in Prince George, from air quality to road conditions to fire danger conditions, as in the summer of 2017. We are able to plan and to remain safe from the active weather information gathered from this one channel. I have not found other local alternatives that provide the scope and convenience of weather information reporting that The Weather Network provides.

I refer to The Weather Network on a daily basis in the wintertime, and regularly throughout all of the seasons. This service should definitely remain part of the basic TV service, and should NOT be moved to the more expensive cable and satellite TV services, which not every Canadian can afford. Nor should it be made available only on broadband Internet, as rural Canadians cannot reliably access it, and should not be forced to if they can access it but choose not to. There are also still Canadians who do not have the Internet at home; our retired neighbors are one of those couples, having worked hard all of their lives as teachers and loggers; they have chosen not to use the Internet and should not be forced to, in their later senior years.

In our home, we especially appreciate receiving the emergency alerts from The Weather Network as a public safety notice. In fact, when it comes to television, I can honestly say that The Weather Network is my favorite channel, which fact prompted me to send your office this request.

Please keep The Weather Network as part of our basic TV service!

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

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**Lettres relatives à l'accès à MM/TWN dans  
les régions rurales, éloignées et du Nord**

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10051

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

**Case:** 251799

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Living in a rural mountain community TWN is a big part of our lives. We watch it as a family to plan our travels, our day and for our activities. We depend on TWN for maintaining our community outdoor rink and local events. We enjoy the many informative episodes the hosts show from 'behind the science' to 'storm watch' but most of all we appreciate the access to our local weather at a push of a button. Out of any weather stations available The Weather Network is a staple and must remain available.

The Tutte family  
Edgewater, BC

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10076

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

**Case:** 251814

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I use the Weather Network for my all weather information. It is very reliable. I live in a rural area and I check the weather before I head out in the winter. I also drive Highway 17 so the Weather Network lets me know what the weather is on the way to North Bay.

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

**Client Information**

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10109

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

**Case:** 251849

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My comments relate to how I utilize the information provided by the Weather Network (WN). During the fringe seasons of spring and fall I use the information provided by WN to help plan my week and daily activities. Living in central Ontario's cottage country and owning a sizeable lakefront property which requires the completion of significant seasonal tasks, the WN provides information that assists me schedule those tasks. I do all the work around the property as my income is limited. So viewing the week's weather permits me to work around the property on the good days and head to town on the bad days. Not wasting time or fuel. The WN impacts my activities in winter as well as I view future storms I can adjust my activities which align themselves with the weather. I don't go into town when a severe storm is forecast and I prepare for the completion of maintenance tasks after a storm. It takes me some time to clear my lane and walk ways and I can adjust commitments by viewing the forecast which reflects that time commitment. Forecasts of high winds alerts me to the prospect of a hydro outage and unlike urban folk when I have no hydro I have no running water. With the information provided, I can fill kettles, sinks and tub with water to flush toilets and wash hands thus minimizing the impact of an outage. Rural residents and businesses, unlike city folk, use the information provided by WN to better manage their affairs - more of an essential than a luxury. I therefore fully support the continuation of this licence and service.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10183

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

**Case:** 251925

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Weather channel is crucial to me as I live in a rural area and commute to the nearest city for employment. I need weather information in order to plan my commute and even to decide whether or not I should go to work. This is especially true in winter.

My internet is supplied via satellite. It can be and has been affected by weather systems on the other side of the country, which leaves me with television or radio for weather information and travel advisories. Local broadcasting gives weather updates infrequently. The weather network can be my only source of immediate information.

Also, we do not watch much television and therefore subscribe only to a basic package. I would not be happy to pay more for television services, that I don't use, just for one extra channel.

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

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10381

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

**Case:** 252122

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We have been using the weather network for year and we rely on it for accurate weather and road conditions. We were victims of the ice storm that crippled Ontario and Quebec in the 90's having been living in rural Ontario at the time. We were without power from the Saturday before the ice storm hit in 1998 and lasting for 28 days before restoration as rural Ontario where we lived was constantly without power having outages all the time and access to even leave our home was impossible for weeks. Since then we have relied on the weather network for weather and road conditions something that everyone in Canada has come to rely on.

We are close to retirement age and will be moving to our "summer house" located north of Highway 7 in the Land O'Lakes region and we will need to rely on the weather network even more so for road and weather conditions.

Please ensure that the weather networks licence is renewed so that ALL Canadians have access to current weather conditions.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10728

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

**Case:** 252479

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Living in rural Northern Ontario we depend on the weather networks up to date forecasts to make sure we will have safe travels. Please renew their licence. Thank you.

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

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10772

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

**Case:** 252515

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My name is Robert Seguin. I support keeping the Weather Network affordable to all basic cable subscribers. I am a power lineman and I and the company I work for relies on heavily on weather updates to help keep electricity to rural customers. We have to be ready if poor weather is going to possibly take out hydro service, to deligate manpower to be on ready for trouble calls. The weather network is an awesome tool in my home life as well, for planning weekend escapes to camp, or ice fishing trips. All the weather information I need is on the weather network, I like that the local weather forecast is no more than 10 minutes away, and I also like using their long range forecast and radar screens to help me also forecast.

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

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 10907

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

**Case:** 252656

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We live in a rural area NE of Edmonton. Although we can watch weather on Edmonton news it is only on twice a day and focuses mainly on Edmonton. They actually forget they have a rural audience. The Weather Network is on all the time and allows checking of weather for our area whenever we wish to. Without the Weather Network we would have nothing. It is vital for us. When I think of all the basic channels we get on Shaw Direct that I don't ever watch and could delete I would definitely not delete the Weather Network.

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

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11070

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

**Case:** 252750

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The weather network is a essential service that helps give up to date forecasts needed where we live. There are other services that provide their forecasts online or in app but are not as accurate or accessible as the weather network is. If a severe storm system or blizzard is rolling through they will get coverage of it and provide the most up to date details for our safety. The local television networks do not interrupt their shows and have to wait until the evening news to here the weather. Those that don't have access to the internet in the rural areas or those that can't afford internet need this service for up to date weather that can be life threatening at times in canada.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11285

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

**Case:** 253049

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As a senior citizen living in a rural/urban town and in a lakeside community who must travel to nearby towns for groceries and other supplies, as well as medical care I rely on the weather network services to keep me current with local conditions, weather, road closures, alerts, etc. The TV access is the fastest medium I have, please allow the them to continue to serve me and others who face similar circumstances. Thank you, L. Mothersell

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11428

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

**Case:** 253199

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We have the weather network on in our house everyday. We live in Ottawa and do outdoor activities the weather here seems to change every two hours and we consult the weather network so we are prepared all the time. I also work on-call and must travel out into rural areas day and night. I can't imagine not being able to check weather before going out on the country roads. I also like the way the information they provide from across the country keeps our vast country connected. Staying connected across the country is important and is not done in all countries, Please renew the weather networks license. This is a health and safety issue.

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

**Client Information**

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11501

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

**Case:** 253275

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I live in rural bc in the south east corner of the province the closest tv station is in Vancouver and does not cover the east kootenays in its daily weather forecast I rely on the weather channel for my daily weather news my work is weather dependent and I need accurate weather forecasting thank you Gordon Cleland invermere bc

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

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11541

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

**Case:** 253317

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Without access to the this channel, I fear that many seniors (particularly those who are unable to use new technology) will be unable to receive current and up to date weather for their local area. This is also an issue in rural areas where the internet access is limited/unreliable for the populous.

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

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11546

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

**Case:** 253323

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I wish to support The Weather Network's application to continue providing their services through all media.

I live in a rural area and receive the broadcast through Bell Canada Satellite TV provider. I am also able to access The Weather Network through Bell Aliant NB/NS/PEI

Many in my community have access and this access is important as it relates to how Emergency Broadcasts can be made available in a prompt and timely manner.

Thank you for allowing me to submit my comments.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11582

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

**Case:** 253364

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I rely on the weather network for planning what to wear on a daily basis before heading out for running, hiking, biking, gardening or going to work. I use it to plan the gardening and harvesting days. I also use it to plan travel times to and from work based on the weather; Or whether is it safer to work from home. The emergency alerts are also an important part of planning my day in order to keep me and my family safe.

I live in a rural area and do not have access to the internet. So it is important that the weather network should remain available to all Canadians in the basic television service.

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

**Client Information**

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11661

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

**Case:** 253452

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I rely on The Weather Network daily as I live in a rural area and commute to work. To be safe, I need this service. Family also lives on a remote island and we need this channel to stay on the air.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11692

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

**Case:** 253484

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am aware of and refer regularly to Environment Canada weather forecasts. However, I also consider the Pelmorex Weather Network an extremely valuable service, and thus one that should be as easily and cheaply accessible as possible. Personally, as an individual (i.e. not a representative of a commercial or other enterprise) I access weather information at least twice a day, sometimes more. I find the information that I receive is important to me to plan my activities, especially since I live in a rural area and must drive to all destinations. My interest is in short-term planning, such as what the weather is likely to be when I leave the house, to longer-term planning such as vacation travelling, to -- especially -- foul-weather planning which can require special anticipatory preparations to protect my property. While all of this is available through Environment Canada, the Weather Network has a number of enhanced features such as video forecasts, `thumbnail` environment-related stories, and active weather maps that make it my first choice of reference.

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**Client Information**

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11711

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

**Case:** 253503

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Watch the weather network daily, it is a must see for us. Living in rural NB it is a necessity to know the weather.

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

**Client Information**

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11721

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

**Case:** 253513

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We live in a rural area and depend on the weather network for information to keep us safe.

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

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11724

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

**Case:** 253516

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am self employed and operate a construction business whose daily operations depend on working around weather conditions, I rely on the continuous updates and forecasts of the weather network in my daily planning. As we live in a rural area and depend on satellite for television our most complete forecast is only available on the weather network other than a short evening news forecast.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11731

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

**Case:** 253524

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

This channel needs to remain on basic cable accessible to all as it provides a vital service. I use the weather channel frequently during the day to plan my commute and determine driving conditions. It is particularly vital for alerts and during times of severe weather. Living in a rural area it is important to have access to conditions.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11744

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

**Case:** 253538

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Je désire conserver météo media à la télé dans mon forfait actuel selon moi il s agit d un service essentiels ! surtout lorsque on demeure en milieu rural et que l on vieillit !!moins de sport télé,..c est moins essentiels

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11771

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

**Case:** 253567

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I live most of the year in a rural area - while it is not considered remote by most , it does not have internet access and TV services are limited and costly. We like many rural Canadians rely on basic but detailed weather services to help out with day to day decision making. This service should be include in basic tv pacakages whether they are cable or satellite based. In the absence of cheap broaband access, TV is one of the principle ways way information is delivered (visually at least) in rural areas and information on weather information, alerts, severe weather warnings etc are basic needs in rural Canada. The Weather Network in particular helps provide this to Canadians in rural areas. I support keeping them as part of basic tv .thanks for receiving this message.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11779

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

**Case:** 253575

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My family relies on The Weather Network daily to support our decision making with regard to planning, transportation, and protective clothing. We would most definitely miss this integral source of information were it no longer included in the basic cable package. This service is also a necessity for rural communities, low-income families and seniors who do not have access in their homes to internet service as an alternate source of information and are reliant on traditional media such as basic cable.

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**Client Information**

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11808

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

**Case:** 253605

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

We live in a rural area and rely on the Weather Network to provide local TV forecasts in much more detail than available on the big city forecasts from Vancouver stations.

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

**Client Information**

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11815

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

**Case:** 253613

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My elderly mother relies on the weather network for the weather, she does not use the internet only tv and their small town and rural weather forecasts are essential information she cannot access any other way.

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

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11819

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

**Case:** 253617

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The weather network is important for all Ontarians especially those who live in rural areas. This is the only place where you can get on TV the weather forecast for your area 24 hours a day. It is needed for everyone and should be included in everyone's basic cable package. Their weather advisories are also very important. I access this network every day on various media.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11840

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

**Case:** 253638

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a daily watcher of this program and enjoy it tremendously. As a viewer of The Weather Network for past 17 plus years I have to say they kept up with the times in technology and their reporting! My work profession is in the Aviation industry and receiving up to date meteorology information is a necessity to me and those of the traveling public. Both Rural and Urban communities need access to this station and appreciate their work and efforts.

Thank you

Keep up the great work!!

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 11970

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

**Case:** 253776

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

In rural Dufferin County the Weather Network is the only reliable weather service we have. Local radio is not worth listening to and CBC only gives the weather for Toronto, Peterborough and the Kawartha's useless. Please allow the Weather Network to continue its valuable service.

George Bricker

Amaranth ON

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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.

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

**Client Information**

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12180

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

**Case:** 254001

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I use the Weather Network daily. Although the local news gives local weather, the Weather Network gives nation wide weather information. It also provides forecasts for the upcoming season. Their knowledge is helpful in planning trips, also information on hurricanes and other weather related stories are informative. I feel this Network licence must be renewed as it gives everyone current and valuable information. This is a service that must be available to every Canadian whether they live in urban or rural settings.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12186

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

**Case:** 254009

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am glad that The Weather Network is on the basic television service. The Weather Network helps me to decide what I need to wear, whether to leave early for work because of poor road conditions or to change a work-related outside-the-office meeting or presentation. I have to travel on rural roads. The Weather Network gives me a second and third opinion on the weather besides Environment Canada and the radio station, which is important because I live in an area which is a transition zone for weather systems. I believe that The Weather Network should Not be a "premium" channel that costs more because weather information is important for safety.

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**Client Information**

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12311

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

**Case:** 254137

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Bonjour, J'appui MétéoMédia: je dois me déplacer dans tout la grande région rurale de Chaudiere-appalaches pour donner des services de Santé mentale aux jeunes de Thetford-Mines, St-Georges de Beauce, Montmagny et LÉVIS. C'est un servi essentiel pour planifier mes déplacements en toute sécurité. MétéoMédia doit continuer à figurer sur le servi de base.

Merci de votre attention!

Paul-A. Desmarais M.D.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12460

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

**Case:** 254250

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

La chaîne météo-media locale m'aide grandement à prévoir mes journées et mes semaines, que ce soit au niveau de l'habillement, des conditions routières, des tempêtes à venir, etc. Je consulte presque quotidiennement cette chaîne qui est nécessaire avec un climat changeant comme celui que l'on connaît au Québec. En période estivale, il est également fort utile pour prévoir les travaux extérieurs et mes parents s'en servent également pour prévoir les récoltes - coupes de foin et travaux à faire aux champs. Plusieurs localités rurales n'ont pas accès à internet haute vitesse, la télé reste alors le meilleur moyen de s'informer sur la météo.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12540

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

**Case:** 254333

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I support continued availability of the Weather Network. Weather and climate information is important, and continuing television access would help to ensure elderly, and those without affordable internet access such as rural residents have access to essential information.

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

**Client Information**

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12651

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

**Case:** 254444

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria at its meeting of Tuesday, November 14, 2017 did review the request for support of the broadcasting license of The Weather Network. This Council is in support of maintaining the current status of inclusion on basic television, available to all subscribers as opposed to being moved to a more expensive TV package. The important weather notices, advisories and warnings allow all Canadians, no matter their income level to attain important information which may affect their health and/or property. Due to our rural location, it is extremely important for every citizen to have access to information which may affect their health, wellness and/or livelihood and property whether they are at home or travelling.

We strongly encourage the CRTC to support the renewal application of Pelmorex Weather Network and maintain this vital service to assist local residents and municipalities in helping Canadians plan ahead and stay safe.

For your consideration.

Sincerely, Melinda Reith  
Municipal Clerk and CAO  
The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12760

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

**Case:** 254560

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Thank You for the opportunity to comment:

I support the Weather Network renewal application. I use its services frequently to plan my day for purposes such as choosing driving routes, seeing emergency notifications, planning boating trips, garden planning, air quality (asthma).

I access the Weather Network on basic Shaw Cable TV service and cannot afford a more expensive cable or satellite TV package. I wish to continue to have access to the Weather Network on the basic TV service.

During active weather situations (windstorms, snowstorms, fire.....) I access their emergency alerts and believe they are an important public safety tool. In a small rural community such as mine, the Weather Network is a main source of weather information.

If the Weather Network was not available in my community, there is no local alternative access weather news and information.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12889

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

**Case:** 254697

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

While there are other ways to get weather information, the fact that The Weather Network is always available and can be instantly accessed by turning on the TV, it has become our main source. We check it first thing in the morning and last thing at night.

Also, whenever there is threatening or uncertain weather conditions, we check it regularly, The fact that it supplies warnings from Environment Canada that are detailed to our specific local are (we are rural & have different weather than the closest city) has really helped us stay prepared and avoid dangerous conditions. This is something that commercial weather forecasts and other TV weather does not do.

I definitely support renewing their license and keeping it on basic cable, which is all that many of our neighbors have.

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**Client Information**

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 12898

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

**Case:** 254706

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

J'appuis Météo Média pour une simple et bonne raison; c'est le seul canal téléviser ou je peux avoir confiance en leur propos. Depuis les années 80 que je suis Météo Média et c'est une histoire de famille. À tous les matins, j'ouvre ma télévision et je le mets à ce poste. Toute la journée, la télévision est à ce poste en fait. Je ne pourrais m'en passer. Je demeure dans un milieu rural, donc c'est très important pour moi de connaître avec précision le temps qu'il va faire. Ce serait difficile de voir ce canal s'éteindre, s. v. p. ne fermez pas Météo Média.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13007

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

**Case:** 254815

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a retiree and gardener in a rural area, and require regular weather updates! Please keep The Weather Network on basic TV access.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13011

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

**Case:** 254819

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network needs to stay part of the basic Canadian television service!

Timely and accurate weather information is becoming more critical as our climate changes! 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. Additionally, many rural and remote Canadians with limited Internet access would also no longer be able to rely on their services as they do today.

Paying higher costs for weather information does not seem reasonable to me! Reducing access to weather and safety information for Canadians is not helpful nor reasonable.

Many Canadians rely on local weather reports for day to day decisions. Reduced access to regional and rural weather news does not make sense.

Environment Canada's Weather Office provides a critical service for Canadians but the Weather Network is an organization that is educating and making Canadians more aware of weather patterns, severe weather and the hazards associated with a changing climate.

Reducing public alerting could jeopardize the safety of Canadians and without the stable and predictable funding associated with basic distribution, the Weather Network 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. This is not a positive direction!

Please ensure that the Weather Network remains part of the basic television service!!!

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**Lettres relatives à l'accès à MM/TWN dans  
les régions rurales, éloignées et du Nord**

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13052

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

**Case:** 254861

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Our household uses theweathernetwork station frequently throughout the day every day and plan our daily activities around its advisories and info.

We live in a rural area and road conditions due to snow, freezing rain, heavy rain or fog will tremendously affect our activities.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13058

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

**Case:** 254867

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network channel in our cable package has been and continues to be a source of weather information to our family for decades. Besides relying on it for daily weather forecasts to plan our days, I have particularly valued the road reports (I live in a rural area and commute to work) and alerts for severe weather. I also enjoy the weather stories featured on this channel. I would definitely like to see the weather network continue to be offered on TV.

Thank you

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13214

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

**Case:** 255027

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network is a very important part of living in Canada. It helps us to plan our days and weeks and especially for rural people it is very important.

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**Client Information**

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13232

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

**Case:** 255046

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The weather network is first interest each morning - getting the current and daily weather forecast, road conditions, radar, always important if any alerts are posted as well. Living in rural community, never sure of what road conditions may be when we venture out to go shopping in neighboring city or cities. Just being able to set up our days to be in harmony with the projected weather forecast - is reassuring before setting out to drive on highway 400 or local highways in our area (about 100 km north of Toronto. The site is well set up, easily accessed on computer - whereas the TV only carries a distant city, which is never in sync with our weather. Being able to check out both our hometown and the destiny for the day - helps so much and hope to always have this reference. Comparing the data for this date, etc., also the 14 day forecast and averages - is also very helpful. The radar is a must on "iff" weather days. Supporting this weather network is a necessity especially for those of us not living in built up larger cities with much more coverage on TV.

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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:** 13521

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

**Case:** 255357

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My husband and I use the weather network daily, before we leave for work. We are both rural and suburban mail carriers, and not only rely on the weather network to help us to dress according to the weather, but also how the weather will affect our drive and our jobs. We also travel Canada frequently, as we have family on the opposite coast, and the weather network helps us to know how to pack for the weather while we travel.

Please renew the license for the weather network so we may continue to have it as a huge, affordable part of our daily life.

Thank You

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13550

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

**Case:** 255391

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

It is very important to me that the Weather Network remain as it is on basic cable. I live in a small community, Elliot Lake, in Northern Ontario. People in small and larger communities all across this country depend on the Weather Network as I do. We depend on the detailed local forecast for our community to know how to dress, when to avoid going out on the highways, when to prepare for snowstorms, torrential rain, icy conditions, etc., when to plant gardens or crops, and when to prepare our gardens for frost. I also depend on the radar screen at the beginning of each 10 minute forecast to see how close the centre of a storm is coming to our community. I have my television tuned to the Weather Network every morning, and often other times through the day, as well as last thing at night. Losing the Weather Network on basic cable would be like losing my right arm. The national version of the Weather Network on the high definition channel is totally inadequate for our needs. It gives nothing of the local conditions for our area. Please, I beg you, accept the Weather Network's application to remain on basic cable. It is a vital service for the safety and well being of all our citizens, especially in the many rural and smaller communities across this vast land. Thank you.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-26

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13645

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

**Case:** 255531

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

It is vital to have weather information on basic cable since many people in rural areas particular need current weather updates and are not connected to the net or do not have computers.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-26

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13656

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

**Case:** 255542

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My husband and I check the weather channel at least once daily to plan our day, week regarding everything from planning family visits, grocery shopping booking doctors appointments, social events, even something so simple as doing laundry to hang on the clothesline etc. Being retired seniors living in rural ontario, we rely heavily on the forcast before venturing out. If a storm is forcast, we ensure we have enough groceries, ice salt etc. to last us a few days until it is again safe to travel. On behalf of all seniors and families with children who need to travel, please continue coverage on the weather channel!

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-26

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13660

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

**Case:** 255546

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My name is Tanya. I live in a rural area in Ontario. We do not have cable, I do not have high speed internet. The one thing that I can rely on when severe weather is occurring is my basic service of the Weather Network on my satellite. I leave it on for watches and warnings. If this service was removed I may be left to not know what is going on when danger may strike. I hope you take these considerations into account when making your determination.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-26

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13689

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

**Case:** 255572

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

**Respondent:** No

#### **Comment**

The Weather Network provides invaluable weather information for planning both my private and professional life activities. It is a unique service that is unrivaled in Canada for the detail and level of weather information made available both in their online and televised formats. They are a dependable go to for up to date weather information no matter where you are in Canada (at home or on travel).

It is imperative that the Weather Network remains in the basic television service category as they provide a basic necessary service to all Canadians and more importantly (as part of the basic service) to low income and rural Canadians that may not have access to other sources of information (aka internet). The widespread availability of the Weather Network also provides important public safety through relaying of weather warnings and watches from Environment Canada that typically don't make it out on other TV and Radio stations (though CBC is usually pretty good).

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.

Without the stable and predictable funding associated with basic distribution, they 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.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13815

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

**Case:** 255703

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

They provide an essential service to rural areas.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13898

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

**Case:** 255790

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

My family and I use the Weather Network daily to plan our activities and weeks. It is helpful in emergency weather situations to get the most up to date information relevant to our area. Their short segments on weather around the world is also educational and enjoyable for us to connect to other parts of the world. The emergency alerts are extremely helpful for being aware of extreme weather conditions and being able to plan accordingly for them. Older family members that do not have access to the internet and rely on basic cable for information need the weather channel to be alerted to these emergencies and to plan their daily life. Having access to the weather network is important for low income families and people in rural communities that don't have reliable internet access. People in rural areas are also often those most affected by extreme weather/disasters such as fires, extreme storms, and need to plan for it.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 13984

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

**Case:** 255885

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network provides a simple and effective service that should be available to all people regardless of their economic situation. The service that they provide is an essential part of planning daily activities especially in winter. The emergency service of severe weather situations is also vital for rural communities which could become isolated for days or weeks. Without such warnings these communities would be more at risk without The Weather Network. For these reasons I fully support the renewal of their TV license.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-28

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 14034

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

**Case:** 255939

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I live in a rural area and my occupation is outside labor (grass cutting, painting, snow removal etc.) Because of the area in which I live and the nature of my work I depend daily on accurate and dependable weather forecasts. The weather network is an essential part of my daily routine.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 14035

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

**Case:** 255940

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I use the Weather Network to plan my commute to work and home. It is very important that this service be kept on basic cable and satellite channels to allow all Canadians to have access without having to pay premium prices. Many Canadians struggle to just afford the basic TV packages and there doesn't seem to be anything available for free anymore. This is especially necessary for Emergency Alerts which we use to ensure we are safe and also factors into our business - we board animals and must be ready to ensure their safety as well. The Weather Network is essential to many rural communities to prepare for inclement weather. Internet is not an alternative - broadband availability in rural communities is intermittent and costly.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 14176

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

**Case:** 256095

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

I am a senior and depend on the weather channel especially in the winter to plan my food shopping trips and scheduling my doctor's appointments. I live in a rural area with no public transit and it is very important to me to know hourly forecasts and road conditions.

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

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 14308

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

**Case:** 256242

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

Météo média est très utile pour les régions rurales, il permet de voir rapidement les températures à venir et permet d'adopter des comportements en conséquence. C'est important que toutes les alertes ou autres demeurent accessible gratuitement pour tout le monde.

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**Date Arrived:** 2017-11-30

**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 14359

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

**Case:** 256296

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

As severely disabled person it is both risky and difficult for me to travel outside in inclement weather. I depend heavily on up to date hourly forecasts that are only available on the Weather Network to plan daily activities. I live in a rural area where there is no public transportation. The CCAC has difficulty getting PSAs to come to my home because I am so far out of town; on a roster of several hundred employees only two will come. If I get stuck outside in snow or rain I am on my own. Access to up to date weather information on an hourly basis helps prevent these situations and has helped me to continue to live in my home safely. Additionally the Weather Network is informative and educational; I look forward to learning something new every day when I check the forecast.

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**Public Process Number:** 2017-365

**Intervention Number:** 14646

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

**Case:** 256696

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

**Respondent:** No

**Comment**

The Weather Network is very important to me as I live in a rural area and need to know up-to-date forecasts, not only for my community but the area to which I may be travelling. Alerts are also very useful. I seriously could not be without this essential service.

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