

15 August 2016

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

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Dear Ms. May-Cuconato:

Re: Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2016-225: Renewal of television licences held by large English- and French-language ownership groups

Attached please find the comments of the Canadian Media Producers Association (CMPA)¹ in response to the above-noted Notice of Consultation.

The CMPA supports the renewal of the licences held by the three large English-language ownership Groups, Bell Media Inc., Corus Entertainment Inc. and Rogers Media Inc. As outlined in the attached submission, however, our support is contingent on the Commission continuing to implement the Group-based licensing framework so as to ensure that there is stable, continued support for the creation of compelling and diverse Canadian programming and that, as important players in the system, both broadcasters and independent producers can face the future with confidence.

¹ The CMPA represents the interests of screen-based media companies engaged in the production and distribution of English-language television programs, feature films, and new media content in all regions of Canada. The CMPA's member companies are significant employers of Canadian creative talent and assume the financial and creative risk of developing, producing and distributing original content for Canadian and international audiences.

Since the CMPA represents independent producers of English-language content, we take no position regarding the renewal applications filed by the large French-language ownership Groups.

We wish to appear at the public hearing scheduled to commence 28 November 2016.

Sincerely,

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Attach.

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