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Madame Diane Rhéaume Secretary General CRTC CRTC Ottawa ON K1A 0N2

Dear Madame Rhéaume:

Re: Article 7 of CRTC 2007-1, application numbers 2006-0508-2 and 2006-0509-0 All Points Bulletin TV & Avis de Recherche TV

After review of Mr. Géracitano's proposal to provide the All Points Bulletin TV channel in addition to Avis de Recherche TV, the Regional District of East Kootenay would like to offer this letter of support for the applications. I believe these speciality television services have the potential to offer a valuable public service to local governments reaching beyond support for law enforcement agencies.

Of particular interest to the Regional District of East Kootenay is the public service programming that would be developed as part of this proposal. By continuing to extend the programs into areas of fire prevention and response to major disasters, the television service would complement our mandate of enhancing the level of emergency preparedness in our communities. The ability to access copies of this specialized programming, as is proposed, for local educational purposes would be of tremendous value. A better educated public will allow us to respond more safely and effectively.

These channels also have the potential of warning the public, not just about criminal activity, but also about missing persons, natural hazards, and human-caused incidents. At present, there is no other television network that is committed to broadcasting this type of information as a public service.

The RDEK works daily to help residents of the East Kootenay become better prepared for emergencies. The service proposed by Avis de Recherche TV and All Points Bulletin TV would provide another avenue for distributing public service information when it is needed most.

Sincerely.

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