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CRTC  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Re: Application 2011-0483-5  
CFTK TV Astral, BC North 4625 Lazelle Ave Terrace, BC V8G 1S4

Dear CRTC:

Thanks for your work on behalf of Canadians. I am writing in support of Astral in their application renewal process. At Tribal Trails, we are involved in TV production, although we do not do any broadcasting ourselves. We depend very much on local TV stations and their relationship to the communities, and believe that granting the application would be highly beneficial for the community.

I am the NCEM-TV administrator of Northern Canada Evangelical Mission (NCEM). CFTK (also CJDC) broadcasts our program, 'Tribal Trails'. Our motto is "First Nations Television with a Message of Hope". Although most of our guests are First Nations, our desire is to be an encouragement to people of any nationality. While the TV program was never intended to replace the personal ministry or impact of people in the communities, television does have its unique advantages, including the fact that it has a wider reach which enables it to attain a larger audience. We feel that Tribal Trails has become very important to our ministry and the broadcast of the television program has shown itself to be an effective tool. I feel that it's important that more people enjoy the unique programming offered by Astral.

Without local television, we would lose part of our voice, and viewers would have fewer choices in quality programming that reflects our unique Canadian identity.

We appreciate the Commission allowing us to provide our comments.

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