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November 13th, 2012

Mr. John Traversy
Secretary General
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Sir:

**Re: Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2012-560, Item 1 – Public Hearing
Commencing on 11 December 2012 – Non-compliance of OWN Inc. Mandatory
Order Hearing – Reference Number : 2012-1233-1**

The attached is a list of persons who have provided interventions in support of OWN Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Corus Entertainment Inc., announced in Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2012-560, Item 1.

This is to confirm that:

- i. the persons named on this list have requested that this applicant submit the attached interventions on their behalf;
- ii. each person named on this list has been informed by this applicant that their name will be posted on the Commission's website as part of the public record of this proceeding and that all information provided by this person becomes part of a publicly accessible file, including personal information such as full name, e-mail address, postal/street address, telephone and facsimile number(s) and any other personal information provided; and
- iii. no person named on this list requested to appear at the hearing.

Michelle Farres on behalf of
Corus Entertainment Inc.

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Michelle Farres

From: Marina Dimova <ml_dimova@yahoo.ca>
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2012 5:18 PM
To: support@owntv.ca
Subject: CRTC - OWN Support

OWN has given me the knowledge to create more peace, abundance, happiness, and love in my life.

OWN and shows such as Life Class and Super Soul Sunday opened my eyes to the true beauty and unlimited possibilities life has to offer. OWN changed the way I see myself and others. It gave me the knowledge to transform my life the way I want it and it gave me important tools to solve my inner struggles. I learned how to finally put to rest my past, I learned how to forgive. I learned how to love myself; I learned how to open my heart and connect to my soul. I learned the importance of meditation.

OWN has given me the most important education – education so crucial but not given in any regular school.

Thank you OWN!

Marina Dimova
Accounts Administrator
Brossard, Quebec

Michelle Farres

From: Nada Mojsilovich <nmojsilovich@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2012 3:13 PM
To: support@owntv.ca
Subject: What I have learned from OWN CANADA

Good afternoon,

I write in support of the Oprah Winfrey Network (Canada) in its hearing before the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) that is reviewing whether

OWN Canada is compliant with its registered mandate to be an educational service.

When Corus began to carry the Oprah Winfrey Network, I was thrilled. Finally a place to go for meaningful television. OWN Canada is the network I turn to for access to a diverse mix of original programs, documentaries and movies that inspire me to live my best life. Shows like Oprah's Life Class, Oprah's Next Chapter Oprah's Master Class, Our America, Gas Town Gamble, Iyanla Fix my Life, Suze Orman, Million Dollar Neighbourhood have given me a real sense knowledge which in turn empowers me. I have gained valuable life lessons on how to be of service to others, how to make a difference in the world, how to get through life's difficult moments, how to be more financially responsible, how to connect and communicate in my relationships with others and have gained inspiration to follow my dreams. I think it's important that the CRTC understands that education encompasses so much more than the traditional avenues of learning. Take Oprah's Life Class for instance, it has picked up where Oprah's daytime talk show left off. It's focus is on spiritual fulfilment and positive thinking. Coaches like Iyanla Vanzant, Tony Robbins, Deepak Chopra have provided me with valuable lessons on the art of gratitude, love, spirituality, forgiveness and thankfulness. This is the kind of education the world needs more of. Many of the lessons I learn from the shows on OWN Canada I can bring to my profession as a teacher and it certainly helps me in my full time job as a mother of two young girls.

In a world full of negative messages in media, through OWN Canada, I have now become part of a community of like minded people that serve one another and work together to make the world a better place We have taken the message of OWN Canada into our communities through activities centered on service and learning. OWN Canada programming help to start the conversation and help one another work towards living their very best life.

I would be happy to provide you further information should you require on how I feel OWN Canada has made a difference in my life and the lessons that I have learned from it's programming.

Sincerely,

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Burlington, Ontario, Canada



Michelle Farres

From: Cassandra Puckett <cpuckett73@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2012 1:53 PM
To: support@owntv.ca
Subject: CRTC - OWN Support

Cassandra Puckett
Student
Vancouver, BC

Good morning CRTC.

I would like to acknowledge the exceptional educational and knowledgeable programming I have been privy too from OWN TV.

As a student studying for my BSW I can tell you first hand how the programming from OWN has allowed me to find that place within myself to continue on my own healing journey as I strive to help others on theirs.

I am confident in saying that I have found much enlightenment in many of the programs OWN has to offer. I have seen how exceptional, respected, and enlightened leaders have shared their thoughts and idea about life, love, and human nature. It has allowed me to see others with new eyes. I have been able to turn traumatic events into beautiful life lessons. This has empowered me to work with others as they struggle through their own trauma.

I urge you to keep OWN airing in Canada, if fact I would suggest you allow the Super Soul Sunday programming to take effect. This phenomenal programming could only benefit Canadians everywhere.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Cassandra Puckett

Michelle Farres

From: Kevin Dass <kevindass@alumni.utoronto.ca>
Sent: Sunday, November 11, 2012 10:01 AM
To: support@owntv.ca
Subject: The importance of OWN to me, as well the knowledge and learning that I have gained from the network's programming

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Comments:

I love the in-depth detailed discussions, and interviews. There is a lot of research and work done in the production of the programs on OWN.

There are always inspiring stories and leading teachers in the programming on OWN, and they help so much in peoples' daily lives.

There is so much that the viewership can relate to, learn from, and thus apply to their *own* lives.

I have learned so much in lifeskills, that I can apply to my *own* life, and which others can build upon, which fosters the growth in our lives, and thus we are very grateful for OWN Oprah Winfrey Network.

There are so many inspirational shows on OWN, such as Oprah's Lifeclass, Oprah's Next Chapter, Our America with Lisa Ling, The Rosie Show, Milliondollar Neighbourhood, and the list goes on...

I was very disappointed when The Rosic show was cancelled...

We know that there are blessings all around us every day, and that Oprah Winfrey is a blessing too!!!! :)

Thank you for the opportunity here, to leave some feedback for OWN Oprah Winfrey Network, and I hope it helps !!

Take care, everyone at OWN, and all the best..

Kevin Dass

Michelle Farres

From: Strata Kas <stratakas791@yahoo.ca>
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Occupation=LDB LID Twitter= Email=wrtwendel@shaw.ca Comments=This network has given me the insight to move forward with my future to learn more about myself and others around me. Compassion, working from the inside out! What most of us should have learnt in schools or through our childhoods. Great teachers like Iyanla Varzant, Eckhart Tolle, Deepak Chopra, Bishop TD Jakes, Tony Robbins, Joel Olsten, and many more!! I have watched it all. Taken tons of notes and did my homework. Learning how to spread love and joy, laughter and forgiveness. I would have to say the best channel by far on TV. I tried to get to Toronto to see her, but am disabled and was too much of a trip for me so here's hoping she comes to Vancouver next. The new program Iyanla Fix My Life, is absolutely brilliant!! I loved Million Dollar Neighborhood, Next Chapter and Life Classes (saw it all). Well I could go on and on, you get it, I LOVE THIS NETWORK. Wendy Rahier

Michelle Farres

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Comments=OWN is certainly more than education channel, is also an education institution. It teaches life application lesson in a way you can actually relate to and see. It's about the only channel that all my family which include my mum, myself, my wife and my 3 children watch together and in the process It gives oppotunity to explain certain things to the kids and teach them about reality of life

Rgds
Olumide

Sent from my iPad

Michelle Farres

From: Prasanna Ranganathan <prasannaranganathan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 10, 2012 9:18 PM
To: support@owntv.ca
Cc: Prasanna Ranganathan
Subject: CRTC - OWN Support
Attachments: CRTC Submission - Oprah Winfrey Network Canada.docx

Dear OWN Canada:

I tried to submit the form through the website, but it won't let me configure my web-based Yahoo email to my computer. As such, I received this email address from a friend and am sending you my submission.

My information is as follows:

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Occupation: Program Manager

Please find copied below my submission (which I have also attached as a Word Document). Please let me know if you need any further information or if I can be of any support. I will be in Ottawa and can arrange to be in attendance at the hearings if that would help.

Kind regards,

Prasanna

Dear Members of the CRTC:

RE: Oprah Winfrey Network Canada – Hearing – December 2012

I write in support of the Oprah Winfrey Network (Canada) in its hearing before the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) that is reviewing whether OWN Canada is compliant with its registered mandate to be an educational service.

In outlining my support for OWN Canada in this hearing process, I will explore: 1) the importance of OWN Canada in my life and 2) the knowledge and learning I have gained from the network's programming.

The Importance of OWN Canada in My Life

Watching the Oprah Winfrey Show, on network television in the United States as carried on CTV in Canada, was a treasured part of my daily routine for 20 years. I can trace the milestones of my own life through the show and its many moments. I now enjoy OWN Canada, a network with vividly luminous, educational programming reminding us to live our best lives and focus on service. OWN Canada's message is simple and is couched in a nuanced, tailored approach to education and learning: be the change you want to see in the world.

OWN Canada and its programming have created a platform for knowledge, inspiration and empowerment, by introducing us to so many experts, leaders and teachers (on shows such as *Lifeclass*, *Million Dollar Neighbourhood*, *Next Chapter*, *Master Class*, and *Iyanla Fix My Life*) who have changed our lives with their wisdom. OWN Canada's greatest triumph lies in serving as a call to action, a reminder that we, as individuals, are capable of helping others and, in fact, are required to do so as global citizens.

In my opinion, OWN Canada is a distinct cultural phenomenon in that its programming touches its viewers in individual ways and came into our lives at extremely specific moments. For instance, for me, the show *Lifeclass* changed my life in so many concrete ways when it premiered in October 2011, causing me to look deep within myself to find my authentic voice and to critically examine my career as a lawyer to determine my true calling in life. As a result of the show and its many experts discussing topics such as truth, honoring our callings, financial decision-making, and overcoming fear, I was able to be honest about my identity, my path in life, and my dreams of pursuing work in the field of media. *Lifeclass* also brought me closer to my parents, as we watched the show together and had nightly discussions about the particular topic or expert and its salience in our daily lives. OWN Canada served as the basis for this collective learning and introspection.

OWN Canada has also taught me the importance of social media as a modern communication and learning tool. By harnessing the power of Facebook and Twitter to promote viewer engagement, exchange, learning and discussion, OWN Canada has given me the chance to learn directly from experts and viewers around the world and forge deep friendships with like-minded individuals inspired by OWN Canada's educational programming. We have blogged, written articles, filmed videos, and talked about the many lessons of the network and its programming. We have taken the message of OWN Canada into our communities through activities centered on service and learning.

The Knowledge and Learning Gained from OWN Canada Programming

More than creating an overall educational and learning paradigm in the television landscape, OWN Canada and its specific programs have generated a solid base of knowledge, learning, and growth in my life and the lives of viewers. The following programs are but examples of how the network has promoted learning and why it warrants its continued classification in the educational stream of Canadian broadcast networks:

Oprah's Next Chapter

This signature program on OWN Canada has Oprah speaking to change-makers, politicians, international leaders, artists, actors, directors, to share learning and education on the stories capturing the media's attention and to highlight issues, experiences and questions that warrant further scrutiny.

As a specific example, Oprah's Next Chapter episodes in India connected me to my ancestry. For me, India is the birthplace of family, the place where grandma lives, and the geographic underpinning to my identity and values. India is found in my favorite foods, my daily prayers, the curve of my nose, the fabric of my being. Yet, at many levels, India has been a mystery to me – a veritable enigma wrapped in the cloak of the familiar. Being born and raised in Canada, visiting India every few years, I have never fully grasped India in its beauty and complexity. The Next Chapter episodes on India portray India as fluid, vibrant, textured, and beyond categorization, demonstrating that regardless of socio-economic status, history, or condition, everybody has a story and a voice that is worthy of respect. The episodes revealed that though geography may separate us from India, shared experiences and common dreams unite us in fascinating ways. Oprah interviewed families from various socio-economic and cultural backgrounds and spoke with women from the spectrum of Indian society to engage in an in-depth exploration of India, its culture, and the issues that capture our collective consciousness.

Lifeclass

This show, launched in October 2011, used the power of Oprah Show moments as teaching tools on life. It used the experiences of guests featured on the 4,561 Oprah Winfrey Shows to share pockets of illumination and insight on how to deal with the issues we all face (anger, parenting, relationships, forgiveness, etc.). It launched an innovative multi-platform focus with webcasts, Facebook streams, discussion forums, and online journaling to allow viewers to engage in the programming in a more direct way. Viewers could learn from the experiences of others, digest this information, and look at how the lessons had salience in our own lives.

The show has included the participation of a host of expert teachers including Iyanla Vanzant, Tony Robbins, Deepak Chopra, Vancouver-based, but international expert Eckhart Tolle, Martha Beck, Cheryl Richardson, and many others in live, in-person conferences which are then televised, allowing viewers to have the chance engage more directly with the teachers. Lifeclass filmed two of its episodes in Toronto in April 2012 to a collective audience of nearly 15,000 people committed to learning and growth. Many corporations and individuals attend conferences with these experts regularly, recognizing the educational utility of these fora, speakers, and events for their impact on business development, corporate learning, culture, and interpersonal relationships, and communication.

Master Class / Visionaries

In *Master Class*, experts in the realm of arts, film, business, sports, music, and politics sit down in an intimate docu-series setting, sharing how the various experiences, complexities, successes and challenges in their own lives taught them valuable lessons about life's big questions. Featured guests include Ted Turner, Laird Worthington, Diane Sawyer, Jane Fonda, Dr. Maya Angelou, among others. The series was a visual feast, filmed in a powerfully poignant way, replete with lessons, insight and teachings on a range of topics and themes.

The series *Visionaries* followed the careers of creative people such as fashion designer Tom Ford and musical artist will.i.am to gain insight into the creative process and the focus, work and dedication involved in honoring one's calling and forging a successful path in the world. The show balanced the creative process with the incisive business skills necessary to build a successful business and career.

Million Dollar Neighborhood

In this Canadian-made series based in the community of Aldergrove, a community comes together to increase its net worth by \$1 million by working with financial experts and hosting events, undertaking community activities, and changing their approach to their finances. The show was a revelatory look at personal finance, couched in individual experience, and had viewers joining in by exploring the application of each episode's central theme or lessons in our own lives.

Gastown Gamble / Buy-o-logic

This Canadian-made series, *Gastown Gamble*, focused on the launch of the business Save On Meats in Vancouver and used the experience of this entrepreneur and community to explore issues of business planning, community engagement and project implementation.

This Canadian-made series, *Buy-o-logic*, uses the platform of television to take an in-depth look at consumer products and programs with a view to educating the general public and keeping companies and initiatives conscious of their products and their impact.

Money Class with Suze Orman

In this multi-week course, financial guru Suze Orman takes individual families and guests through the various issues in financial planning and money management, including investments, real estate, debt, retirement planning, education, credit cards and savings. This show used the personal experiences of others to serve a larger purpose of informing the public about financial issues and the importance that a sound basis of financial knowledge plays in our lives.

Season 25: Oprah Behind the Scenes / Oprah Builds a Network

Season 25: Oprah Behind the Scenes was an unprecedented look at the creation of the final season of The Oprah Winfrey Show. The show was an incredible, informative, illuminative look at the television industry and the myriad issues that a top-rated network television program faces in delivering quality programming. The instructive value of the footage, interviews, and collective insights (shared by Oprah Winfrey, Sheri Salata and the Harpo Studios team) is unparalleled and is undoubtedly a valuable addition to any media studies program.

Similarly, *Oprah Builds a Network* was a two-part special where Oprah candidly explored the challenges and work involved in building a network from the ground up. The special was provocative in its candor and unflinching in addressing all of the news, good and bad, that surrounded the launch of OWN. Rarely are networks so willing to open their doors and shine a light on their work with a view to inspiring collective learning and education. This program was valuable not only for those working in the media-communications realm, but for anyone starting a business.

Iyanla Fix My Life

The most recent addition to the OWN Canada line-up features author, spiritual teacher, and expert Iyanla Vanzant going into the homes of people with a view to healing relationships and opening up the lines of communication. The show unleashes the potential of television to use the stories and experiences of others, not to exploit, but to educate and empower the viewing public. Iyanla Vanzant centers each episode on clearly articulated insights and tangible tools for personal growth, communication, and development. Topics addressed include abandonment, abuse, sexual identity, business and personal relationships, celebrity and its impact on family, marriage, and parenting.

The Scope of OWN Canada's Educational Mandate

The fact that many of OWN Canada's programs have been recognized by educational institutions as meeting course requirements speaks to the veracity of OWN Canada's status as an educational channel.

However, one of the criticisms forming the basis of the complaint to the CRTC is that despite evidence demonstrating the pedagogical value of OWN Canada programming, the educational focus of said programming is too limited to the streams of self-improvement and personal growth.

I would submit, as demonstrated in the previous section, that OWN Canada's programming is not limited to these areas but encompasses a wide range of topics including, but not limited to: business, finance, communication, relationships, psychology, health, wellness, arts, media, culture, travel, and geography.

Furthermore, a commitment to living our best lives, is an animating thread underpinning the programming on OWN Canada. As Oprah Winfrey has often stated, her intention in launching the network was to share insights and pockets of light and illumination with the viewing public so as to encourage everyone to live their best lives. This is a commitment found in the 4,561 episodes of the Oprah Winfrey Show. This is a commitment that imbues the pages of *O Magazine* each month.

While this is the core commitment, its manifestation encompasses all forms of educational programming, as outlined above. The narrative consistency of this core commitment should not be confused as being a narrow educational focus. Rather, it should be understood in the context of its intended spirit - being the best we can be in all aspects of our lives – and exploring what this means through the prism of educational programming in many areas (finance, health, wellness, psychology, arts, film, and news/interviews).

Let us not underestimate the power of learning provided through the vehicle of collective experience. As Oprah often says, “everybody has a story” and that it is the platform of television that has the ability to elevate these stories to serve as beacons of education and inspiration. For nearly the past three decades, Oprah has been at the forefront of transforming TV into the world’s biggest classroom. OWN Canada continues this proud tradition.

Conclusion

I would be honored to provide the CRTC with more specific information on how OWN has served as a platform for education and learning that has taken the powerful programming from OWN in the US, harnessed the strength of original Canadian content, and created a channel that revolutionizes the relationship that viewers can have with television.

Watching OWN Canada is not a passive experience, but a robustly active one, that encourages viewers to be participants in an educational movement: to dialogue directly through social media, journaling, discussions, and interaction with experts to make tangible changes in their own lives and to gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of the world in which we live.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to your deliberations. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours truly,

Mr. Prasanna Ranganathan

Michelle Farres

From: Nadia j <nadia_c_2001@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 10, 2012 5:34 PM
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Subject: CRTC - OWN Support

Your link (Submit Feedback) on your web site has directed me to my Hotmail account.

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Comments= The OWN has educated me many times over and over. I have learned new ways to get a handle on my life, it has opened my eyes to the ways I have been living life, It has given me tools to face certain fears and obstacles that I have been dealing.

Thank You for providing this channel in Canada

Michelle Farres

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Comments=The OWN Network has been, since it first was introduced has continued to be, the main Network that I watch on television.

I find OWN television is positive

entertaining. I have found that from watching this network I have personally set out to become a better version of myself. Since watching I have terminated toxic relationships, I have embarked on a fitness regimen although it is still a work in progress. I feel from the positive messages of being a good person being kind helpful to one another, that this Network is beneficial to me. It brings folks together also has the entertainment element to it as well. I LOVE this Network! I love it!

Thank You,

Jennifer

Sent from my iPhone

Michelle Farres

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Comments=The type of educational programming offered by OWN TV is offered no where else.

I have learned a lot from watching OWN TV; like how to be a more loving and grateful person; to be more aware of what I do and say and how that affects others. I have become more confident and comfortable in my own skin. It has taught me how to be a better person.

OWN TV also offers information for consumers, decorating ideas and help in the kitchen.

Thank you OWN.

I hope that the CRTC will allow the broadcast of Super Soul Sunday in Canada very soon.

Michelle Farres

From: Nicole Coffie <ncoffie@gmail.com>
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Comments=I've learn so much from watching OWN some of it too personal to share with strangers. I am learning how to meditate, I am learning a lot about myself from Oprah's Life class. I am learning about my personal relationships through Iyanla Fix my life. I am learning how to be more positive. Every time I watch OWN I feel like I am on a spiritual journey.

I wish there were more networks like OWN. Please keep the OWN net work in Canada.

Thanks,
Nicole

Michelle Farres

From: Lisa & Bobby Brown <lisa_bobby@sympatico.ca>
Sent: Saturday, November 10, 2012 1:22 PM
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I think OWN is a wonderful channel. I especially love Oprah Lifeclass, Iyanla, Dr Berman's show, Lisa Ling's show. All of these shows have taught me how to be a better person and how to heal some of the wounds of my past. I take notes during Oprah's Lifeclass, so that i can refer to the powerful teaching moments after the show is over. I have learned alot about myself and why I think and feel the way I do. I have discovered that many people feel the way I do. I have also learned that I am not a victim of my past and that I can heal and become a stronger, happier person. Several of the insights from Iyanla's show have also been very helpful to me. As she teaches other people about their brokenness, I see myself and my situation and I learn from them. Dr Berman's show is wonderful in that it opens up concerns about sexuality and teaches people have to have better marriages and better relationships. Most of her ideas to bring couples together can be applied to anyone's life to have a stronger relationship. Lisa Ling's show teaches us that even though people live different lifestyles, we all treasure and value the same things - to love and be loved, to be valued for who we are. Some of the cooking shows are also very helpful too... most are beyond my ability to cook, but they are a learning show for people who love to cook. I also like the Clutter show with Peter Walsh which gives people tips on how to clear out the clutter and teaches you how to organize your life. Overall I think the OWN channel is wonderful and I hope it will stay in Canada!

Michelle Farres

From: Vanessa Baran <vanessa@bobbythebuilder.ca>
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Comments=Oprah and her new network have been an inspiration for me to learn about myself, and how to heal and overcome the things that hold me back. It is the most worthy, relevant, educational tool that I have every experienced. I have learned more through Oprah and her network than I have in all my 19 years of formal schooling. I just wish more people would open their minds and their channels to OWN and her teachings; the world would be a much better place!

Michelle Farres

From: Linda Smit <gma13@eastlink.ca>
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Subject: CRTC - OWN Support

I'm 62 years old and have watched and enjoyed Oprah for years. She has brought the world into my home whereas I would not have had the opportunity to see exactly what's out there. She is a motivator and a giver and has demonstrated how life should look according to her and her guests. I haven't always agreed with all she shows but she shares fairly. I hope you will allow us the privilege of having her on our Canadian networks.

Michelle Farres

From: Lorna Gunn <LGUNN@kelowna.ca>
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Comments=I have watched and learned from many of OWN's programs and in particular Oprah's Lifeclass.
In my view this programming is no different than PBS and is definitely educational programming.

Sent from my iPad

Michelle Farres

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Comments=It is a wonderful program that inspires it's viewers "when you know better, you do better".

I've watched many episodes and have felt so moved by the stories and inspired to lead a better life. It's a shame that we don't get all the shows from this network.

I'm not Christian by faith but have attended services on Sundays and after a service you feel as though you've been given enlightened, your battery re charged etc. OWN network has done that for me, I feel as though when I watch OWN "my cup becomes full".

Knowledge is power and greatness inspires greatness, we live in a world where we get caught up in day to day activities ie. Work etc. That we all forget about our spirit and the importance or nurturing it. OWN reminds me to nurture that and I'm a better person for it.

CRTC please accept OWN's proposal and let them have more exposure in Canada.

Sent on the TELUS Mobility network with BlackBerry

Michelle Farres

From: Norma Jean CALDER <njcalder@sympatico.ca>
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Comments=There is no other network that offers more EDUCATIONAL programing then OWN! PBS ranks 2nd by a long shot. Oprah has the ability to connect with people the way no other person on the planet can. She brings age groups together and can teach while entertaining so that some people don't even realize they are learning. Congratulations OPRAH for once again feeling the pulse of the people and providing them with Oxygen that they didn't know they needed.

NJ Calder

Sent via BlackBerry® device provided by TBayTel.

Michelle Farres

From: Donna Gratton <donnagrattton@shaw.ca>
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2012 11:54 PM
To: support@owntv.ca
Subject: feedback re online form

I just sent an email with my support of the OWN network in Canada.

However, I wanted to point out that filling out the online form seems pointless, since clicking submit merely opens a new email in Outlook with the To and Subject fields filled out. No other information that I carefully included in the form appears in the email – therefore I had to copy and paste and manually make note of the fields for the information you need submitted.

Perhaps filling out the form shouldn't be an option. Instead ask people to send an email address and direct them in terms of what to include. Otherwise some people may be confused and others may not bother to re-do what they've just done.

Or maybe this experience was unique to my web browser (IE 7) and Outlook. But in case it's not I thought I'd let you know.

Donna

Michelle Farres

From: Michelle Irvine <michelle@irvinefamily.ca>
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Comments=I have been thrilled with the OWN programming lineup. With shows that span the range of thought provoking, informative, and educational, I believe it has been a great addition to networks available in Canada. I would love to see a greatly expanded line-up of programming, including those permitted on the American affiliates, such as Super Soul Sunday. Thank you to OWN for bringing a positive, educational, and uplifting network to Canada!

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Michelle Irvine

"The miracle, or the power, that elevates the few is to be found in their industry, application, and perseverance under the promptings of a brave, determined spirit."

- Mark Twain

Michelle Farres

From: Jung Jin Kim <jungjin_kim@hotmail.com>
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Comments=I learned to understand who I am and what makes me happy. Espccially Oprah's master class and life class changed my whole perspective on happiness and success. Everyday I try to be in peace and fulfil my purpose. Thank you OWN.

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Michelle Farres

From: bar_roc@yahoo.com
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To: support@owntv.ca
Subject: CRTC - OWN Support

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Comments=Add your comments here.

I believe that the OWN TV network is the best thing since sliced bread. I am 59 years old and OWN TV is insightful, provocative and inspiring. Do I understand that it is a work in progress - yes - but I believe with my whole heart that it is TV worth watching and I look forward to all the new programming that it presents. Life Class, Oprah's Next chapter, Iyanla, on and on.

I am disconnected with Reality TV. OWN TV is relevant to me and may of my friends. We are relevant.

Thanks got listening.

Barb rockett

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Sent from my iPad

Michelle Farres

From: philip gray <pgray@nf.sympatico.ca>
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Comments=At this stage in my life, knowledge and learning comes from living and listening to another's experiences and advice. There have been so many programs that have helped me learn that things do get better, there are ways to hurry up that healing, to feel better about myself and the world around me. The other thing I've learned is that all Networks need to rethink what they show and bring more programs such as those on OWN within their own network programming. I truly believe this would help increase peace throughout the world!

Michelle Farres

From: Susan Wheeler, Accessibility Matters Radio <susan@accessibilitymatters.ca>
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Comments=It would be difficult to note exactly how much personal learning has been delivered and inspired by Oprah and the Oprah Winfrey network in Canada and globally. It would suffice to say it is a no brainer. Clients refer to essential learning from viewing TV and online frequently. This is certainly something not to be ignored. I'd say toss the reality fluff and support meaning learning that Oprah's network eloquently provides.

Susan Wheeler

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Michelle Farres

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Comments=I cannot believe I am about to defend OWN Canada to the CRTC. I was saddened and disappointed to hear that the CRTC is reviewing OWN Canada. Has the CRTC panel ever watched OWN Canada? I ask this as I find myself shaking my head that the validity of whether or not OWN Canada is educational television is even a topic of discussion.

I am a 48 year old Mom, Wife and Business Owner who like many women my age find themselves searching for something more. What's next is a question most women ask themselves after forty, especially when their children are grown. It was while watching Oprah's Lifeclass that I learned I was capable of creating a dream for myself in my Next Chapter. It was during one of these shows that I decided to dream big and I opened my own business. It was a lesson from Oprah brought to me by OWN Canada that allowed me to believe that anything is possible.

I never miss a chance to watch OWN Canada. Imagine being schooled by some of the best Teachers in the world right in your OWN living room. Oprah Winfrey, Deepak Chopra, Maya Angelou, Tony Robbins, Rev. Bishop TD Jakes, Devon Franklin, and the list goes on. How is it possible that the CRTC is unaware of the life changing television OWN Canada is providing? Respectfully I suggest you turn your TV's to OWN Canada and see for yourself.

While watching Million Dollar Neighborhood I learned that by making small changes in your lifestyle and spending habits you can create a financially free future if you take action and have a plan. I'm sure the Aldergrove Neighborhood would agree that the money lessons learned were educational and valuable information.

I am certain I could write a book about the lessons I have learned from watching OWN Canada. Given the fact that time does not permit me to list them all I hope you will seriously take the time to check OWN Canada and see for yourself that it is not only educational, it is life changing, life altering television. When you look at what is on television today if you take away OWN Canada where will those people craving a life education get it? They won't find it on The Bachelor or Honey Boo Boo or The Price Is Right.

I am a very proud Canadian and I understand we have rules regarding television and radio in this country. I have no issue with that. I do have an issue a big issue with the fact that you are asking OWN Canada to defend themselves at a time when TV is at an all time low in education. Please know that OWN Canada is important. The life lessons learned while watching are important to me as well as many Canadians. Please consider us when making your decision.

Thank You,
Elizabeth Toole

Michelle Farres

From: Karen Hughes <karenhughes@shaw.ca>
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To: support@owntv.ca
Subject: CRTC - OWN Support

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Comments=.Shows on OWN provide me with educational knowledge that isn't available on any other channels.....I love the learning experience that is provided from watching the shows.....OWN fills a well-needed niche on television.

Michelle Farres

From: dylry <dylry@rogers.com>
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Comments=I love own. All tv should d be like this. Only wish we could get supper soul Sundays in Canada.

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Michelle Farres

From: Beth Kennedy <beth_kennedy70@hotmail.com>
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Comments=Dear CRTC, I find that the OWN channel, has helped with my relationship with my family and friends with the life classes, please do not take OWN off the air, I love the show, it is very knowledgeable and learning, PLEASE DO NOT TAKE IT OFF PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT TAKE IT OFF

Kindest Regards

Elizabeth Kennedy

Michelle Farres

From: Raemonde Bezenar <raemonde1@yahoo.com>
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Comments=I watch OWN practically every day.

I find Oprahs life class / master class very inspirational.

I am growing as an individual because of Oprah and the guests she has on her shows.

In all seriousness I use my pvr and record her programs.

I believe that Oprah is a great guiding light to becoming all that you can be.

I feel very blessed that Oprah has her own network and most definitely it is for the greater good.

Thank you

Raemonde

Sent from my iPhone

Michelle Farres

From: Andrea Doucette <andreatdoucette@gmail.com>
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Comments=I would love to see all of their programming, there are shows we don't yet get that I would really like to see.

Michelle Farres

From: Patrica Hennick <pat.hennick@bellaliant.net>
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Comments=Add your comments here.The OWN network is one of the best networks in the world .The programming really does have a positive impact to everyone who watches .People today are so lost ,with their relationship ,money and family .The shows allows us to believe that change is possiable ,but it all starts with each and everyone of us .It allows us to understand our selves better and everyone else in our life .I encourage everyone in my life to watchmy daughter teases me saying I should get paid for all my promotion of the network .Thank you

Michelle Farres

From: MARNIE WRIGHT <MARNIE_WRIGHT@sd34.bc.ca>
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Comments=Add your comments here. I have been watching OWN since the first day of airing in Canada. I find the programming to be increasingly valuable in terms of being an educational resource. I work in the area of people and human relations, programming life lylanna:fix my life, MasterClass, LifeClass are all programs that I draw great knowledge and learning from.

I have learned about the power of addiction, methods and strategies to help people in crisis, ideas to move people forward in difficult times - all from watching OWN's unique programming. I also learn things that move me forward personally, I really like the shopping bags, their review of healthy cooking options, learn about designing and organizing my home and life all things that help me to grow personally.

I have also found value in courses about financial management - an area that is crucial for many Canadians.

And as I have Oprah's attention, I really think she needs to develop new programming in the area of professional and career growth. I'd love to see someone like Marcus Buckingham with a program about career pathing. Also, it would be great to see someone like Elizabeth Gray (eat pray love) - have a show about self exploration through travel and culture.

Michelle Farres

From: Genevieve Young <face@genevieveyoung.com>
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2012 4:47 PM
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Subject: CRTC - OWN Support

I love the Lifeclass on OWN . It teaches us how to manage with everyday, everything, humanly things that can happen. I think that every human should have access to that kind of training that empowers themself!

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Une propulsion vers sa pleine réalisation!

Michelle Farres

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Comments=Its very educational, I was involved in Million Dollar Neighborhood, which taught myself and veiwers how to get a handle on their financial situation

Michelle Farres

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Comments= Oprah's Life Class and next Chapter had been instrumental in my development and my clients development. I often ask them to watch the program in order to better understand concepts that we've learnt in our sessions together, and we discuss and share as a group. It leaves myself and my clients feeling empowered and give us practical tools we can implement in out lives to be and feel more inspired to live a life of passion and purpose.

I do not understand how anyone who watches the show cannot see the educational element. The lessons provides me with added resource for myself and to use as I coach my clients. The learning is instrumental to elevating human consciousness and allows me to see things in ways to make me be a better person. I have notes as I watch these shows which ido not from watching anything else on tv.

This station is about life lessons and one that I cannot wait for my 2 year old to start watching and learning all the beautiful lessons that I know will make him and his generations much more empowered than we are.

Thanks you!

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