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Via Fax

Ms. Louise Fecteau, Vice-Chair
Canada Industrial Relations Board
4th Floor - 240 Sparks Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Madam:

Re: IN THE MATTER OF the *Canada Labour Code* (Part I- Industrial Relations) and applications filed pursuant to Sections 18, 18.1 and 35 of the *Code* by the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada, applicant, and Global Television Network Inc., Global Communications Limited, CanWest Interactive Company (2846551 Canada Inc.), CanWest Television Inc., CanWest Global Communications Corp., CanWest Broadcasting Ltd., CHEK owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CHAN (BCTV) owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CHBC owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CICT (Global Calgary) owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CITV (Global Edmonton) owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CISA (Global Lethbridge) owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CFSK (Global Saskatchewan) owned and operated by CanWest Television Inc., CKND (Global Winnipeg), a Division of CanWest Television Inc., CIII (Global Ontario) owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CIHF (Global St. John) owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CIHF (Global Halifax) owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, employers (22170-C)

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AND IN THE MATTER OF the *Canada Labour Code (Part I - Industrial Relations)* and an application filed pursuant to sections 18, 18.1 and 35 thereof by the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada, applicant, and Global Television Network Inc., Global Communications Limited, CanWest Interactive Company (2846551 Canada Inc.), CanWest Television Inc., CanWest Global Communications Corp., CanWest Broadcasting Ltd., CHEK owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CHAN (BCTV) owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CHBC owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CICT (Global Calgary) owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CITV (Global Lethbridge) owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CFSK-TV, a Division of CanWest Television Inc., CKND Television, a Division of CanWest Television Inc., CIII (Global Ontario) owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CIHF (Global St. John) owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, CIHF (Global Halifax) owned and operated by Global Communications Limited, and CHCH Hamilton, a Division of Global Communications Limited, employers. (25183-C)

We write to urge the Board to issue a Decision.

The Panel will recall that during the course of the proceedings the Union outlined the prolonged history of the matter before the Board and the impact on Union members and the bargaining unit of the extensive delay in having this matter concluded. As we outlined during the proceedings, there had been many events that had occurred while waiting for a conclusion to the proceedings before the CIRB which the Union felt entirely unable to respond to appropriately given the current bargaining structure. Some of those events were the subject of interim applications never resolved by the Board. Indeed, in many ways, that frustration was a large part of the *raison d'être* FOR the application.

Another five plus months has passed since the conclusion of the hearing, May 1st and 2nd. We write to urge the Board to issue its Decision as soon as possible, indeed urgently. Events continue to evolve at Global Television that make it crucial that this matter of bargaining unit structure be resolved particularly as there are subsequent matters to be dealt with. We trust that the Panel will give this matter priority and look forward to hearing, very soon, as to a Decision.

Yours truly,

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