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Canadian
Association of
Broadcasters

L'Association
canadienne des
radiodiffuseurs

Ms. Diane Rhéaume,
Secretary General,
CRTC
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Rhéaume,

Re: Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2004-14: Distribution of SpikeTV

In Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2004-14 (PN 2004-14) the Commission initiated a call for comments with respect to the distribution of SpikeTV, a non-Canadian satellite service that has changed its branding and programming so as to become competitive with a number of licensed Canadian specialty programming services.

In its call for comments, the Commission requests that comments from interested parties be filed no later than May 17, 2004.

Given that the Commission's questions contained in PN 2004-14 are framed in the context of the CAB's June 2, 2003 and August 15, 2003 letters to the Commission, and may lead to proposals from interested parties that could have a material impact on the operations of Canadian specialty and pay services, the CAB submits that it should be provided with the opportunity to submit a written response with respect to any comments filed on or before May 17, 2004.

Accordingly, the CAB respectfully requests that the Commission confirm that the CAB will have the right to reply within a reasonable timeframe to comments filed by interested parties in response to PN 2004-14.

Sincerely,

Glenn O'Farrell
President and CEO

c.c. CAB Specialty and Pay Board of Directors
CAB Specialty and Pay Regulatory Committee