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Marc Morin
Secretary General
Canadian Radio-television and
Telecommunications Commission
Gatineau, Quebec
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Dear Mr. Morin:

Re: Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2025-2: The Path Forward – Working towards a sustainable Canadian broadcasting system – Response to Requests for Information

1. On July 23, 2025, the Commission issued a letter entitled, “Requests for information regarding the proceeding initiated by The Path Forward – Working towards a sustainable Canadian broadcasting system, Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2025-2, 9 January 2025,” (the RFI Letter) to a distribution list which included the Writers Guild of Canada (WGC), and which included one question directed to the WGC. That question is as follows:

Q29. If time limits were introduced for staff-assisted mediation, final offer arbitration, and the standstill rule, what would constitute an appropriate duration for each? Under what circumstances, if any, should exceptions to these time limits be considered?

2. The WGC thanks the Commission for including the WGC in the RFI Letter and providing an opportunity for us to respond to this issue. However, we feel we are unable to provide an answer to this question that will meaningfully assist the Commission in this proceeding. The WGC has never participated in staff-assisted mediation or final offer arbitration, nor have we engaged in any process involving the standstill rule. As such, we do not feel that we are in a good position to speak to time limits in this regard.
3. We thank the Commission again for the opportunity to provide these comments, and will closely consider additional comments that we may make in the final stage of this proceeding.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N McDougall', written in a cursive style.

Neal McDougall
Assistant Executive Director, WGC

Cc: Victoria Shen, Executive Director, WGC
Council, WGC

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