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Dear Ms. Rhéaume:

One of the missions of Environment Canada is to forecast and disseminate meteorological, hydrological and related information for Canadians so that they can adapt to the environment in ways which safeguard their health and safety, optimize economic activity and enhance environmental quality.

For this reason, Environment Canada is committed to the Canadian 511 initiative, and fully supports the application of the Intelligent Transportation Systems Society of Canada (ITS) for 511 Assignment.

Environment Canada is proud to be a contributing member of the 511 consortium. The opportunity to collaborate with travel information providers in delivering a Canada-wide telephony service is an important undertaking for the Department.

The number 511 is easily remembered and will provide the public with improved telephone access to weather and traveller information services, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The service will be particularly important to Canadians when they face travelling decisions during periods of high impact from severe weather.

Environment Canada believes the application merits the careful consideration of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Samy Watson