



May 14, 2003

Ms. Diane Rheaume
Secretary General
Canadian Radio-Telecommunications
& Television Commission
Ottawa ON K1A 0N2

**RE: Global Communications' application for the disaffiliation of
CKRD-TV in Red Deer, Application #2003-0197-9**

The Red Deer Chamber of Commerce represents over 840 businesses in the Red Deer area and brings a single, unifying voice to issues affecting the business community.

Our organization is pleased to support Global Communications' application for disaffiliation of CKRD-TV in the central Alberta market.

The Chamber anticipates that the changes proposed for our local television station would be beneficial to our community. The current RDTV operation makes an impressive difference here; not only to local media coverage and entertainment, but also in the extra-ordinary involvement it has in local projects. The proposed disaffiliation will enhance the local focus, provide more Canadian, aboriginal, ethnic and regional programming and sustain the key CBC programming that is valued. We believe these changes will add diversity to our local television programming and that they will be relevant to Central Albertans.

The Red Deer Chamber of Commerce endorses the Global Communications' application for disaffiliation.

Yours truly,

RED DEER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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