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Forename:

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Representing:

Self

Organisation (if applicable):

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What additional details do you want to keep confidential?:

Keep name confidential

If you want part of your response kept confidential, which parts?:

Ofcom may publish a response summary:

Yes

I confirm that I have read the declaration:

Yes

Additional comments:

Question 1: Do you agree that the existing obligations on Channel 3 and Channel 5 licensees in respect of national and international news and current affairs, original productions, and Out of London productions should be maintained at their current levels? If not, what levels do you consider appropriate, and why? :

Question 2: Do you agree with ITV's proposals for changes to its regional news arrangements in England, including an increase in the number of news regions in order to provide a more localised service, coupled with a reduction in overall news minutage? :

Question 3: Do you agree with UTV's proposal for non-news obligations should be reduced to 90 minutes a week? If not, what alternative would you propose and why? :

Question 4: Do you agree with the proposals by STV to maintain overall minutage for regional content in the northern and central licence areas of

Scotland at 5 hours 30 minutes a week, as detailed in Annex 3? If not, what alternative would you propose, and why? :

Question 5: Do you agree with the proposals by ITV to maintain the overall minutage for regional content in Wales at 5 hours 30 minutes a week, as detailed in Annex 3? If not, what alternative would you propose, and why? :

Question 6: Do you agree with the proposals by ITV to reduce the overall minutage for regional content in the Channel Islands from 4 hours a week to 3 hours 20 minutes as detailed in Annex 3, while maintaining the present provision of a 30 minute early evening regional news programme? If not, what alternative would you propose, and why? :

Question 7: Do you have any views on any other aspects of the nations and regions programming and production obligations of the Channel 3 licensees? :

Question 8: Which option would you prefer in respect of the news and current affairs in the Border region, and why? :

Question 9: If option 2 were to be adopted, should ITV be required to provide separate transmission for the Scottish and English parts of the region on DTT? :

Yes. Our news in Scotland is different from the news in England especially now with the referendum coming up.

Question 10: If you would prefer a different option to those set out in Questions 8 and 9 above, please explain what, and why:

I would prefer to have access to STV than ITV Borders - we are going into a very important period for Scotland with the referendum coming up and it is only appropriate that we in the Borders of SCOTLAND should have the same access to the same news coverage that the rest of Scotland has during and after this period no matter what the outcome of the referendum is. I would rather be seeing news about the rest of Scotland than about Cumbria - even with a no vote they have a different governance to us and I would prefer to be up to date and involved fully in every aspect with the rest of people and areas which share the same governance as me. By maintaining our areas television license with ITV Borders instead of STV we are being told indirectly that we are either not Scottish or not as Scottish as the rest of Scotland.

Question 11: Do you agree that the Border licence should be amended to reduce the proportion of regional production required to a sustainable level? If not, what proposals would you like to make? :

If you aren't going to change our license from Borders to STV, then we should at least be seeing the news programmes and political discussion programmes and current affairs programmes that STV provides for the whole of Scotland at the same time as they are provided for the rest of Scotland. eg: Scotland Tonight - we have not only the right to view

this programme at the same time and in the same manner (i.e. on the television not just online) as the rest of Scotland, but we sorely need to with the referendum coming up. It would be disallowing our democratic right to information if we are still not given the same access as the rest of Scotland to such programmes.

Question 12: What views do you have on the proposal by STV and UTV to extend peak time to 11pm, which would extend the window in which they could schedule regional content that must be shown in peak time?:

I would agree with it, I just wish I had access to STV services instead of Borders!