**DA 13-312**

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**REQUEST FOR COMMENT**

**REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM COMMISSION’S CLOSED CAPTIONING RULES**

**CG Docket No. 06-181**

Several entities have filed petitions for exemption from the Federal Communications Commission’s (Commission’s) requirements to closed caption their television programming, pursuant to Section 79.1 of the rules.[[1]](#footnote-1) Petitioners claim that compliance would be “economically burdensome,” for them, as defined in the Commission’s rules.[[2]](#footnote-2)

Comments and oppositions are due within 30 days from the date of this public notice. The case identifiermust be placed on all filings. Comments and oppositions sent via e-mail to the Commission will be considered informal and are not part of the official record.

Filing Instructions

An original and two (2) copies of all comments, oppositions, and replies must be filed with the Commission.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, commercial overnight courier, or by first class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Attn: CGB Room 3-B431.

\* Hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings must be delivered to: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.

\* Commercial overnight courier mail (other than U.S. Postal Service, Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Attention: Disability Rights Office, Room 3-B431, 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.

\* U.S. Postal Service mail (including first-class, Express, and Priority Mail) should be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Attention: Disability Rights Office, Room 3-B431, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

**All comments and oppositions must be served on the petitioner. In addition, comments and oppositions filed must indicate that they have been served on the petitioner.**

An original and two (2) copies of the petitioner’s reply to the comments in the record are due 20 days after the comment deadline. Electronic filing is not available at this time. In addition, replies to comments or oppositions shall be served on the commenting or opposing party and shall include a certification that the commenter was served with a copy.

All comments, oppositions, and replies must contain a detailed, full showing, supported by affidavit or signed under penalty of perjury, of any facts or considerations relied on.

The petitions, comments, oppositions and replies will be available for public inspection in the Commission’s Reference Information Center:

445 12th Street, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20554

202-418-7094

The petitions, public notice, and decisions (when issued) can also be found at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/economically-burdensome-exemption-closed-captioning-requirements>.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY). This *Public Notice* can also be downloaded in Word and Portable Document Format at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/economically-burdensome-exemption-closed-captioning-requirements>.

Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Contact: Roger Holberg (202) 418-2134 (voice); e-mail [roger.holberg@fcc.gov](mailto:roger.holberg@fcc.gov) or Traci Randolph (202) 418-0569 (voice), (202) 418-0537 (TTY); e-mail [traci.randolph@fcc.gov](mailto:traci.randolph@fcc.gov).

**ATTACHMENT A**

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| **Case Identifier** | **Petitioner/Program Name** | **Address** |
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| **CGB-CC-0005** | Anglers for Christ Ministries/ The Christian Angler Outdoors Television Show | 2224 Fish Hatchery Rd.  Morristown, TN 37813 |
| **CGB-CC-0046** | Dilworth Church of Christ/ Seeking the Lost | 1404 Drummond Cemetery Rd.  Jasper, AL 35504 |
| **CGB-CC-0314** | First Assembly of God Jonesboro/The Gospel of Jesus Christ | 1404 Stone St.  Jonesboro, AR 72401 |
| **CGB-CC-0413** | Kellogg Street Productions/ Mohawk Valley Living | 30 Kellogg St.  Clinton, NY 13323 |
| **CGB-CC-0420** | R.C. Boyd Enterprises, LLC/Honey Hole All Outdoors | 1 Hunters Ridge Lane  Trophy Club, TX 76262 |
| **CGB-CC-0876** | Opal Crews Word of Life/Opal Crews Word of Life | 308 Dublin Circle  Madison, AL 35758 |

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1. 47 C.F.R. § 79.1. The names of the Petitioners are set forth in Attachment A. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 47 C.F.R. §79.1(f))(2). A detailed explanation of the factors that the Commission uses to determine whether meeting the closed captioning obligations would be “economically burdensome” can be found in *Interpretation of Economically Burdensome Standard; Amendment of Section 79.1(f) of the Commission's Rules; Video Programming Accessibility.*, Report and Order, 27 FCC Rcd 8831 (2012); available at <http://transition.fcc.gov/cgb/dro/caption.html>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)