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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 closed captioning requirements, pursuant to Section 79.1 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 79.1, for the television programs they produce.<sup>1</sup> Petitioners claim that compliance would be "economically burdensome," as defined in Section 79.1(f) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 79.1(f).

Comments and oppositions are due on **December 19, 2014**, which is within 30 days from the date of this public notice.<sup>2</sup>

### Filing Instructions

Comments and oppositions must be electronically filed by e-mail to [captioningexemption@fcc.gov](mailto:captioningexemption@fcc.gov), reference "CG Docket No. 06-181," and contain the petition's case identifier number.<sup>3</sup> Persons who file comments on or oppositions to the petition must include a certification that the petitioner was served by delivering or mailing a copy to the last known address of the petitioner, its attorney, or its agent, or by sending a copy to the e-mail address last provided by the petitioner, its attorney, or its agent.<sup>4</sup>

*Comments and Oppositions.* Documents containing comments on or oppositions to a petition may also be filed electronically via ECFS at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/upload/begin?filedFrom=E>.<sup>5</sup> However, any comments or oppositions that are filed via ECFS must also be e-mailed to [captioningexemption@fcc.gov](mailto:captioningexemption@fcc.gov). Comments or oppositions filed via ECFS must include "06-181" as the "Proceeding Number" on the ECFS form. In addition, individuals must enter the four-digit case identifier number (e.g., "CC-2345") as the "File Number" on the ECFS form. If an individual wishes to file an identical set of comments or oppositions via ECFS on multiple petitions that have been assigned more than one case identifier number, the comments or oppositions must be filed separately for each petition/case identifier number. In this case, a different case

<sup>1</sup> The names of the Petitioners are set forth in Attachment A.

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 79.1(f)(6).

<sup>3</sup> *Notice of New Electronic Filing Procedures for Television Closed Captioning Exemption Requests*, CG Docket No. 06-181 and 05-231, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 3960 (CGB 2014) (*Electronic Filing Procedures Public Notice*).

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 79.1(f)(7).

<sup>5</sup> The "ECFS Express" form at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/hotdocket/list> cannot be used for the filing of comments or oppositions.

identifier number will have to be entered as the “File Number” for each separate filing (e.g., “CC-2345” entered as the File Number for the first filing and “CC-2346” entered as the File Number for the second filing and so on, even if the comments or oppositions being filed are identical to the first filing). Multiple case identifier numbers may not be entered as one “File Number.”

**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.**

*Replies.* Any reply filed by a petitioner to the comments or oppositions in the record is due on **January 8, 2015**, which is 20 days after the comment deadline.<sup>6</sup> All replies must be electronically filed by e-mail to [captioningexemption@fcc.gov](mailto:captioningexemption@fcc.gov), reference “CG Docket No. 06-181” and contain the petition’s case identifier number.<sup>7</sup> Replies to comments or oppositions must include a certification that the commenting or opposing party was served by delivering or mailing a copy to the last known address of the party, its attorney, or its agent, or by sending a copy to the e-mail address last provided by the party, its attorney, or its agent.<sup>8</sup>

Documents containing replies to comments on or oppositions to a petition may also be filed electronically via ECFS at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/upload/begin?filedFrom=E>. Again, however, replies filed via ECFS also must be e-mailed to [captioningexemption@fcc.gov](mailto:captioningexemption@fcc.gov). Replies filed via ECFS must include “06-181” as the “Proceeding Number” and the four-digit case identifier number (e.g., “CC-2345”) as the “File Number” in this proceeding.<sup>9</sup> If an individual wishes to file an identical set of replies via ECFS on multiple petitions that have been assigned more than one case identifier number, the replies must be filed separately for each petition/case identifier number. In this case, a different case identifier number will have to be entered as the “File Number” for each separate filing (e.g., “CC-2345” entered as the File Number for the first filing and “CC-2346” entered as the File Number for the second filing and so on, even if the replies being filed are identical to the first filing). Multiple case identifier numbers may not be entered as one “File Number.”

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 are available through the Commission’s electronic comment filing system (ECFS) at [http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment\\_search/](http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment_search/) (“Proceeding Number” 06-181).

Public Notices, decisions (when issued), and related information are available at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/economically-burdensome-exemption-closed-captioning-requirements>.

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<sup>6</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 79.1(f)(6).

<sup>7</sup> *Electronic Filing Procedures Public Notice*.

<sup>8</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 79.1(f)(7).

<sup>9</sup> The “ECFS Express” form at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/hotdocket/list> cannot be used for this purpose.

**ATTACHMENT A**

<b>Case Identifier</b>	<b>Petitioner/Program Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
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