**DA 14-267**

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**NOTICE OF DISMISSALS OF CLOSED CAPTIONING EXEMPTION PETITIONS AND OBLIGATION TO BEGIN PROVIDING CLOSED CAPTIONING**

**CG Docket No. 06-181**

By this *Notice,* the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC’s or Commission’s) Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) announces the dismissal of the petitions for exemption from the Commission’s closed captioning requirements listed herein.[[1]](#footnote-1)

The Commission’s closed captioning rules allow video programming providers, producers, or owners to obtain an exemption from the closed captioning requirements if they demonstrate that providing captions on their programming would be “economically burdensome.”[[2]](#footnote-2) On various dates, the petitioners listed in the Appendix filed petitions for closed captioning exemptions under these rules. The Bureau then placed each of these petitions on public notice. After reviewing the comments received in response to these petitions, the Bureau determined that it required additional and updated information to evaluate whether the programming at issue should be exempted from the FCC’s closed captioning requirements because captioning such programming would impose an economic burden on the petitioners. The Bureau sent letters to these petitioners requesting this supplemental information within 30 days of the date of each letter. In these letters, the Bureau advised these petitioners that failure to respond would result in dismissal of their petitions for failure to support their exemption requests with adequate explanation and evidence. The Bureau further advised petitioners that, in the event of such dismissal, petitioners would be required to begin providing closed captioning on the programming at issue within 90 days of the date of the Bureau’s notification of dismissal.

The petitioners listed in the Appendix failed to respond to the Bureau’s letter requesting supplemental information.[[3]](#footnote-3) Accordingly, their petitions are dismissed without prejudice as of February 27, 2014, the release date of this *Notice*.[[4]](#footnote-4)

This *Notice* also reminds these petitioners of their obligations to comply with the FCC’s closed captioning requirements contained in Part 79 of the Commission’s rules with regard to the programming that was the subject of their petitions by May 28, 2014, which is 90 days after the release of this *Notice* of dismissal.

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**APPENDIX**

Petitions for Closed Captioning Exemptions Dismissed

February 27, 2014

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| **Case Identifier**  **CGB-CC-** | **Petitioner** | **Program Name** | **Mailing Address** |
| 0137 | Abundant Faith Christian Center | “Faith for Today” | Abundant Faith Christian Center, “Faith for Today”  Attn: Ron Rhone  2525 Taylor Avenue  Springfield, IL 62703 |
| 0201 | Edgewood Baptist Church |  | Edgewood Baptist Church  Attn: James Wilson  Associate Pastor, Administration  3564 Forrest Road  Columbus, GA 31907 |
| 0225 | First Baptist Church | “Crossroads” | First Baptist Church  Attn: Patti Shoemaker  Church Administrator  305 S. Perry Street  Montgomery, AL 36104 |
| 0318 | First United Methodist Church - Lufkin | “First United Methodist this Morning” | First United Methodist Church - Lufkin  Attn: James Dunbar  Evangelism Committee Chairperson  805 E. Denman Avenue  Lufkin, TX 75901 |
| 0327 | Cathedral of the Palms | “Faith Talk” | First Assembly of God, Cathedral of the Palms  Attn: David Farjardo  Business Administrator  3401 S. Alameda Street  Corpus Christi, TX 78411 |
| 0478 | Off Beat Productions | “Off Beat Cinema” | Off Beat Productions, “Off Beat Cinema”  c/o LipsitzGreenScimeCambia, LLP  Attn: Barry Nelson Covert  42 Delaware Avenue, Suite 120  Buffalo, NY 14202-3924 |
| 0521 | Victory Ministries International | “Inside Victory,” “Man Up,” and “Conversations” | Victory Ministries International  Attn: Schavonna Williams  Media Department  4613 York Road  Baltimore, MD 21212 |
| 0537 | New Testament Church | “Glory to Glory” | New Testament Church  Attn: Karen Suskie Morrissey  188 Main Street  New York Mills, NY 13417 |
| 0695 | For Sale by Owner and Builder Magazine | “Television Show of Homes” | For Sale by Owner and Builder Magazine  Attn: Debra M. Brimberry, Co-owner  1314 Biggers Road  Columbus, GA 31904 |
| 0743 | Grace Baptist Church | “The Miracle of Grace” | Grace Baptist Church  Attn: Tommy Shaver  Worship Arts Associate  7171 Oak Ridge Highway  Knoxville, TN 37931 |
| 0819 | Voice of Freedom, INC. |  | Voice of Freedom, INC.  Attn: Pastor John W. Hill, President  2292 Floyd Harris Road  Greenville, NC 27833 |
| 0820 | Archery Adventures, LLC | “Accept the Challenge” | Archery Adventures, LLC  Attn: Brad Frost, Co-Owner  8628 Freedom Trail  Midland, GA 31820 |
| 0923 | Five and Dime Productions | “You’ve Got To Be Kidding Me, America” | Five and Dime Productions  Attn: Larry Swanson, CEO  461 Woodburn S.W.  Byron Center, MI 49315 |
| 0973 | Andrew S. Phipps | “Phipps Gospel Sing” | Phipps Gospel Sing  Attn: Andrew S. Phipps  Owner/Manager  P.O. Box 2099  Muncie, IN 47307 |
| 1081 | Kingdom Ambassadors Global Ministries | “R.A.W. Truth” | Kingdom Ambassadors Global Ministries  Attn: Heather Jordan  KAGM Board of Directors  194-18 120th Avenue  St. Albans, NY 11412 |
| 1133 | The Africa Channel |  | The Africa Channel  Attn: Bob Reid  EVP and General Manager  5200 Lankershim Blvd., Suite 750  North Hollywood, CA 91601 |
| 1192 | Abundant Life Evangelistic Center | “Life in the City” | Abundant Life Evangelistic Centr  Attn: Jason L. Johnson  Founder & Senior Pastor  172 Rodenberg Avenue  Biloxi, MS 39531 |
| 1216 | Casa Sobre la Roca Iglesia Cristina Integral | “Hechos y Cronicas” | Casa Sobre la Roca  Iglesia Cristiana Integral  Attn: Rev. Fernando Garcia  Senior Pastor  2149 Orinoco Drive, Suite 1  Orlando, FL 32837 |
| 1220 | Trailblazers International Christian Center | “Tipping Point” | Trailblazers International Christian Center  Attn: Pam Phillips  7509 Fairwind Drive  Baltimore, MD 21244 |
| 1222 | Ghettothropic LLC | “The Other Side” | Ghettothropic LLC  Attn: Tyrone Bynum  547 Pine Meadow Lane Northeast  Ada, MI 49301 |
| 1237 | Berean Bible Study Association | “Grace Believers Bible Study” | Berean Bible Study Association  Attn: Bernice M. Moore  Director/Secretary  204 Tower Drive  Pensacola, FL 32534 |
| 1240 | Watch Fatboy Films | “Industry Chaos” | Watch Fatboy Films  Attn: Christopher Woodard, Jr.  817 Henry Street  Portsmouth, VA 23704 |
| 1243 | Leon Charney Media Foundation, Inc. | “Leon Charney Report” | Leon Charney Media Foundation, Inc.  Attn: Limei Wang  Media Director  1441 Broadway, 31F  New York, NY 10016 |
| 1249 | Ken Hobbs | “All the Way Live TV” | All the Way Live TV  Attn: Ken Hobbs  Executive Producer  P.O. Box 561  Monroe, LA 71210 |

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1. 47 C.F.R. § 79.1. The names of the petitioners are set forth in the Appendix to this *Notice*. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 47 C.F.R. § 79.1(f). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. One of the Bureau’s letters requesting additional and updated information, dated September 26, 2013 to petitioner Ken Hobbs (CGB-CC-1249), was returned to the Commission as undeliverable on October 17, 2013. Several attempts to contact the petitioner were unsuccessful. The Bureau therefore includes this petition in this notice of dismissals for having failed to respond. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The release of this *Notice* serves as the Bureau’s notification of dismissal to these petitioners. The Bureau will also mail a copy of this *Notice* to each of the petitioners listed in the Appendix. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)