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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

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 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 to this *Notice* requested and were granted extended time to respond to the Bureau's letter,³ but ultimately failed to provide the requested supplemental information. Accordingly, their petitions are dismissed without prejudice as of June 17, 2014, the release date of this *Notice*.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

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 79.1. The names of the petitioners are set forth in the Appendix to this *Notice*.

² 47 C.F.R. § 79.1(f).

³ The following extensions were granted: CGB-CC-0142 to May 5, 2014; CGB-CC-1170 to May 2, 2014; CGB-CC-1188 to March 31, 2014; and CGB-CC-1245 to April 2, 2014.

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.

that was the subject of their petitions by September 15, 2014, which is 90 days after the release of this *Notice* of dismissal.

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APPENDIX

Petitions for Closed Captioning Exemptions Dismissed
June 17, 2014

Case Identifier	Petitioner	Program Name	Mailing Address
CGB-CC-0142	Wildfire Global Church	“Wildfire Ministries”	Henry Flint Wildfire Global Church 3032 Primrose Circle Abilene, TX 79606
CGB-CC-1170	Sheffield Entertainment Television	“Gracie’s Friends”	Bud Dowdey, President Sheffield Entertainment Television 1800 Eastwood Road #130 Wilmington, NC 28403
CGB-CC-1188	Greenville Church of Christ	“TV Sunday School”	David Weems, Treasurer Greenville Church of Christ 1133 Tusculum Boulevard Greenville, TN 37745
CGB-CC-1245	Hannah Hopkins TV Ministries	“Lifting You Higher Ministries”	Hannah Hopkins Hannah Hopkins TV Ministries P.O. Box 17405 Hattiesburg, MS 39404