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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Case Identifier: CGB-CC-1365
CG Docket No. 06-181
Petition for Closed Captioning Exemption
Request for Supplemental Information

Dear Ms. Bautista:

This letter concerns your Petition for exemption from the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) closed captioning requirements. After reviewing your Petition, the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) has determined that additional information, as set forth below, is required to enable us to determine whether the programming that is the subject of your Petition should be exempted from the FCC's closed captioning requirements because captioning such programming would be economically burdensome to your organization.

Specifically, your Petition included information about the name of your program, the impact of captioning on your operation and program, verification that you sought closed captioning assistance from your video programming distributor and other sources of sponsorship, and a description of the type of your overall operations. We conclude, however, that because your Petition is missing required information, we cannot take further action on it.

If you wish for your Petition to receive further consideration for a closed captioning exemption, you must supplement your Petition by providing us with the information described below **by October 1, 2015**, which is 30 days from the date of this letter:

- The nature and cost of the closed captions for the programming. Provide information about your organization's costs associated with closed captioning each specific program for which you are requesting an exemption, and your efforts to find companies that can provide captioning at a reasonable cost.
 - Include documentation for two or more recent quotes you received from closed captioning services to provide closed captioning specifically for your program(s). "Recent" means a quote you obtained within one year of the date of your petition.

Your petition included captioning quotes from ACIEM Studios and ESV Productions. However, the quote from ACIEM Studios does not seem to be specifically for your program and is tentative based on answers to questions about the program. We will need the quotes to be specifically for your program. Please submit a second quote, either from ACIEM Studios or another company that is specifically for your program.

- For each of these quotes, include an estimate of your annual cost to caption your program(s). For example, multiply the cost to caption each of your program episodes by the number of program episodes you expect to produce and show in one year.

Your petition included an annualized quote of \$9,048 based on the quote from ESV Productions. We will need a second annualized quote based on the second quote specifically for your program.

- Your financial resources.

- Provide information about all income and all expenses for your organization, as follows:
 - Provide a statement of all income (cash receipts) and all expenses for each of the two most recent completed calendar or fiscal years. Cash receipts include money received from all sources for your entire organization, not just the video program(s). Cash expenses include money paid for purchases, expenses, and settlement of obligations throughout the year for your entire organization, not just the video program(s). List, describe, and provide the dollar amount for each type of cash receipt (such as sales, donations, grants, earnings, revenues, dividends, or interest) and for each type of cash expense (such as wages, fees, supplies, rent, mortgage interest, depreciation, or taxes) for the two most recent completed calendar or fiscal years. Cash receipts and cash expenses must each be subtotaled. You must provide a total net dollar amount (sometimes called a surplus or deficit, or profit or loss) for all cash receipts and all cash expenses for each year. Note: In order to meet the requirement of this paragraph, you must provide this information in a stand-alone statement that explicitly lists this information. The submission of documents (such as tax returns, bank statements, or invoices) that may contain some of this information, but which does not explicitly list this information will not satisfy this requirement.
 - Provide audited financial statements or an accountant's review or compilation of financial statements for the two most recent completed calendar or fiscal years. If such statements have not been prepared by or for you or your organization, provide complete federal income tax returns or tax-exempt information returns, including all schedules and attachments, for your organization for the two most recent completed calendar or fiscal years, if such returns were filed. If your organization is a sole proprietorship, provide complete personal federal tax returns, including all schedules and attachments, for the two most recent completed calendar or fiscal years for the sole proprietor. If your organization is a Subchapter S corporation, limited liability company (LLC), professional corporation (PC), or partnership, in addition to the organization's tax returns, provide the complete personal federal tax returns, including all schedules and attachments, for the two most recent completed calendar or fiscal years for the shareholders or partners. Redact (black out) sensitive information, such as account numbers and social security numbers, before submitting personal tax returns or other documentation. If none of these documents have been prepared by or for you or your organization, you must provide a written statement to that effect.

Your petition is missing the audited financial statement for year 2013. This must be submitted to complete the petition.

- **Affidavit or declaration.** Your supplemental materials must be supported by a signed and sworn affidavit or signed declaration made under penalty of perjury attesting to the truthfulness and accuracy of the information and representations contained in your submission. An affidavit is a written statement made under oath, before an official who is authorized to administer oaths, such as a notary public or county clerk. A declaration is a written statement made under penalty of perjury, such as “I declare under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this submission is true and correct.” (See 47 C.F.R. § 1.116.) The affidavit or declaration must be dated.

If the Bureau determines that your Petition, as supplemented by your response to this letter, provides sufficient information upon which to make a determination of whether or not to grant a closed captioning exemption, we will place your Petition on public notice under Docket No. 06-181 at <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs>. Members of the public will then have 30 days to file comments on and/or oppositions to your Petition, including the supplemental information you have provided in response to this letter, after which you will have 20 days to respond. At the end of this timeframe, the Bureau will review your Petition, along with any comments and responses received, to determine whether you have demonstrated that providing closed captions would be economically burdensome. If Bureau denies your Petition, you will have 90 days from the date of your notification of the denial to begin captioning.

If you do not supplement your Petition with all of the updated information and documentation requested in this letter within 30 days of the date of this letter, we will conclude that you have failed to support your exemption request with adequate explanation and evidence, and will dismiss your Petition. In the event of such dismissal, your organization will be required to begin providing closed captioning for your program(s) within 90 days of the date of our notification to you that your Petition has been dismissed.

If you have questions pertaining to this letter or the information and materials requested herein, please contact the FCC’s Disability Rights Office at captioningexemption@fcc.gov.



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Instructions for Filing a Supplement to a Closed Captioning Exemption Petition

Your supplemental information must be submitted to the FCC by e-mail to captioningexemption@fcc.gov. Petitions and supplemental materials may not be filed directly on the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by U.S. mail. At this time, the FCC's e-mail system does not accept attachments in the form of .ZIP files or file sizes larger than 13.3 megabytes. If a petitioner has concerns that its file size will exceed this limitation, please contact captioningexemption@fcc.gov. Because the FCC will upload petitions and any supporting information and documentation to ECFS, petitioners must follow the ECFS document format guidelines (<http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/userManual/upload/documents.jsp>) when sending petitions, supporting information, and documentation via e-mail. For more information about this electronic filing procedure, visit <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/economically-burdensome-exemption-closed-captioning-requirements>.

You must include your case identifier number, which is located at the top of this letter, and CG Docket Number 06-181 in all correspondence with the FCC regarding your petition.