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BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

In re Exploring Alaska,
35555 Spur Hwy, #232
Soldotna, AK 99669
Paul Gray
Petitioner,

PETITION FOR FULL EXEMPTION FROM
CLOSED CAPTIONING REQUIREMENTS

COMES NOW, Exploring Alaska Show and its video programming producer and video programming owner, Paul Gray, and for his Petition for Full Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirement and state as follows:

A. Is the nature and cost of captioning your programming an undue burden?

Yes I have tried failed to find captioning at a reasonable cost. The cost is \$400. to \$500. a show. I would not be able to afford the expense of closed captioning the 26 shows a year I produce.

This would be the highest expense of my production. And more than my income allows producing the show. It would be one third of my total income. Living and producing in Soldotna Alaska a remote part of Alaska I unable to find even a sign language interpretation alternative to closed captioning. The time delay

of shipping the show back and forth to be captioned would also be a hard ship.

Also this is a local content show that is not scripted which showcases Alaskans and their lifestyles.

B. Would the impact of captioning be an undue burden?

Yes I have no time between finishing editing and delivering the weekly show to perform closed captioning. I have no staff to help. I cannot afford the equipment and mailing the show to be captioned

would have a drastic effect in meeting my weekly deadline I would have to cease production.

C. Would captioning be an undue burden on your financial resources?

Yes my overall budget and revenues cannot afford to caption. My tax records show that the cost is prohibitive to bear. Captioning cost would be over ten thousand dollars, my total revenues are just under one hundred thousand dollars, one tenth of my income producing the show.

D. Is your type of operation technical limited?

Yes I have no staff, I film edit and produce the show myself and have no time or technical capabilities to do captioning. As a small operation in remote Alaska I cannot

feasibly caption my program.

1. That Petitioner is the owner and producer of Exploring Alaska, a community affairs television show based in Soldotna, Alaska.
2. That Exploring Alaska production company and owner consists of Paul Gray and there are no other employees or independent contractors associated with the production company.
3. That Exploring Alaska is broadcast weekly on ABC Affiliate television stations KIMO in Anchorage, Alaska.
4. That 26 shows are produced each year, and each show is thirty minutes in duration.
5. That for Petitioner to provide for closed captioning would constitute an undue burden upon Exploring Alaska, Paul Gray in the following respects:
 - a. That Petitioner does not have the technical capabilities to provide for closed captioning;
 - b. That to obtain the closed captioning service will cost approximately \$480.00 per show or \$12,480.00 per year. The cost quoted is for "pop up" captions;
 - c. That Petitioner would be unable to produce and market Exploring Alaska if they were required to provide for closed captioning;
 - d. That Petitioner does not possess the financial means to absorb the cost of closed captioning and if this exemption is not granted, the Petitioner would cease production of Exploring Alaska, because of cost and budget restraints.
 - e. That the financial resources of Paul Gray are limited to the extent that they could not continue to produce Exploring Alaska, if closed captioning is required.
 - f. That the 26 new shows produced yearly for the Exploring Alaska show have to be re-edited in regards to introduction, narration and commercials in order to be broadcast on the Anchorage television station, therefore greatly increasing the amount and cost of closed captioning.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully prays for an exemption from the closed captioning requirements.

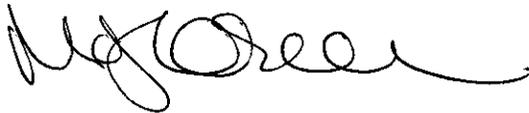
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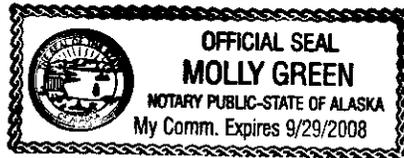
On this 29th day of December, 2005, before me a Notary Public in and for said state, personally appeared Paul Gray, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in Soldotna, Alaska, the day and year first above written.



My commission expires: September 29, 2008.

Molly Green
Notary Public - State of Alaska
Commissioned in Kenai Peninsula Borough



CC: Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Lisa Murkowski