

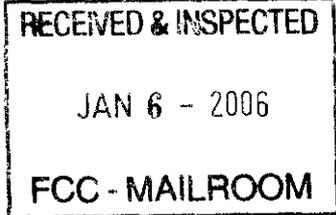


ABUNDANT LIFE
OUTREACH MINISTRIES, INC.

CGB-CC-0278

January 5, 2005

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: CGB Room 3-B431
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554



Petition for Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements

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We, the petitioner, believe that the local, non-news exemption to the closed captioning rules also applies to Abundant Life Outreach Ministries. As noted above the program is produced and distributed locally, and the sermons of Abundant Life Outreach Ministries are of primarily local public interest. The episodes are not news, they do not have repeat value, and the electronic newsroom technique is not available.

Notwithstanding the applicability of the exemption, we have filed this petition in an abundance of caution and for the purpose of establishing certainty.

As shown by this Petition and its attachments, the Commission should grant a waiver of the closed captioning requirements in this case, because requiring closed Captioning would create an undue burden. The costs of closed captioning would be excessively high and would have a significant impact on the Petitioner's financial resources & operations. The Petitioner's type of operations and financial resources are different in kind and magnitude from a mainstream-programming provider. Because of the significant difficulty and expense of providing closed captions, a waiver under §79.1(f) is warranted. If more information is needed, please contact me at the address provided.

Respectfully Submitted,
Abundant Life Outreach Ministries

By:

Judy G. Wicker

Church Liaison

Schedule of programming offered by this provider. ABUNDANT LIFE OUTREACH MINISTRIES .

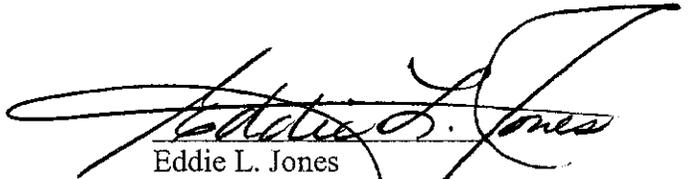
Sundays of each month alternating 1st, 3rd, and each month where there is a 5th Sunday. Beginning January 8, 2006, our programming time will change to 7:00am-7:30am.

Attachment



ABUNDANT LIFE OUTREACH MINISTRIES, INC.

I, Eddie L. Jones, am Pastor of Abundant Life Outreach Ministries, and I have reviewed the Petition for Exemption for Closed Captioning Requirements filed on behalf of Abundant Life Outreach Ministries in this matter, and, upon information and behalf, believe the statements regarding our organization and Abundant Life Outreach Ministries to be true and accurate.


Eddie L. Jones
Pastor
30 December 2005
Date