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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition for Exempt Status for Closed Captioning

Dear Sirs:

Currently we are recording the services of Broadway Baptist Church for a 30 minute broadcast on KTXS Channel 12 in Abilene, Texas.

Pursuant to Part 79.1 Closed captioning of video programming, we petition for an exempt status for Broadway Baptist Church. Our program is locally a produced and distributed non-news program with no repeat value. In that we are a non-profit organization that does not receive contributions nor solicit funds, captioning expense would be a hardship.

Broadway Baptist Church retains no revenues from the broadcast. Paragraph (d) 11-12 state that "No video programming provider shall be required to expend any money to caption any video programming if such expenditure would exceed 2% of the gross revenues received from that channel during the previous calendar year." Also, "channels producing revenues of under \$3,000,000. No video programming provider shall be required to expend any money to caption any channel of video programming producing annual gross revenues of less than \$300,000 during the previous calendar year other than the obligation to pass through video programming already captioned when received pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section."

Being that we are a very small organization with limited funds, having the personnel necessary to run the closed captioning or paying for a service to do that would be an obvious hardship. In addition, our services would have to broadcast almost two weeks late due to the delay for processing the closed captioning. Broadway Baptist Church does not have a full time employee specifically working on the TV broadcast. Volunteers are used during the services and the Worship Leader edits and records the program to a DVD for the station to use.

Therefore, this would be an undue hardship to comply with the closed captioning of video programming.

We respectfully request an exempt status.

Sincerely,



Pastor David Chittenden

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