

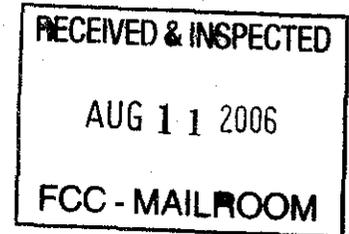


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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554
Attn: CGB Room 3-B431



August 8, 2006

Dear Secretary,

Please accept this petition for exemption from the rules concerning "closed captioning", 47 C.F.R. § 79.1 (f) on behalf of Treasure Coast Television, Inc d/b/a U.S. Cablecasters, Inc of Jupiter, Florida.

U.S. Cablecasters is a South Florida based video production company whose primary business is the videotaping of live events including government meetings and 30 second commercial production for local cable television operators. We produce a half hour local program named SouthFloridaDines that showcases our area's dining and entertainment community. The program consists of a video peek inside local restaurants, a look into the kitchens, the best known menus items, and cooking tips from the restaurants chefs, as well as talent breaks from area events that inform viewers to upcoming concerts and festivals. This is a weekly half hour program that has aired on Adelphia Cable's Leased Access channels from Stuart to Boca Raton, Florida for the last 6 years. We are now purchasing airtime on WTCN, based in West Palm Beach, Florida from 9am to 9:30am on Sunday mornings.

We are petitioning the FCC for an exemption to adding closed captioning to our program for the following reasons:

1 – Various segments within this program are time dated, such as video billboards alerting viewers to area festivals or concerts occurring in the week following the airing of the program. These are date specific segments, having no repeat value for us. Once the date of an event is past, it is past.

2 – Segments include up coming events for Maltz Jupiter Theater, Kravis Center, Sound Advice Amphitheater, Cuillo Center for the Arts and other local dining & entertainment events that are taped live. Theater clips from live events on the program are generally not readily available. The time and expense of obtaining scripts and/or transcribing them would produce an additional undue burden.

3 - The purchase of paid programming airtime, materials and any labor costs are covered out of pocket to help promote the arts and entertainment in our area.

4 - Adding the cost of closed captioning to a half hour program of this type, 4 to 5 episodes a month is simply not viable for us from an economic or logistical point. Quotes and time frames have averaged \$500 per episode with turnaround times of up to 4 days. This number is 300% to 400% greater than our airtime expense alone.

5 - Although the majority of content is locally originated, airing 3rd party public service announcements or segments from Reach for The Stars to benefit the Kravis Centers S.T.A.R.S. program, City Place Un-Corked to benefit the Florida Restaurants Association Pro-Start Program, or other organizations further complicates the issue of closed captioning as no scripts are provided.

SouthFloridaDines is a locally produced and aired program with a limited audience, operating in the public interest with early morning airplays and no repeat value. If required to Close Caption episodes, we would be unable to continue producing this program as this requirement would impose an undue burden for the above reasons. We ask that the FCC find U.S. Cablecasters locally produced show titled SouthFloridaDines exempt from Closed Captioning requirements.

Thank You,

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My Commission DD208678
Expires April 29, 2007

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