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# FAITH PLEASES GOD CHURCH

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FCC Attn: Secretary's Office  
Closed Captioning  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Request for Exemption From Commission's Closed Captioning Rules

Faith Pleases God Church respectfully submits this petition requesting exemption from Closed Captioning requirements, under Section 79.1 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. & 79.1. Faith Pleases God Church believes that our broadcast qualifies for this exemption based upon the following reasons:

Part 79.1 Section (D)

Item (8) Faith Pleases God Church broadcast is a locally produced and distributed non-news program with no repeat value. The program is of local public interest, it is not a news program and the "electronic news room" technique of captioning is unavailable.

Part 79.1 Section (F)

Compliance would impose an undue burden on Faith Pleases God Church for the following reasons:

- (1) Faith Pleases God Church would have to discontinue our program and cease broadcast operations.
- (2) Faith Pleases God Church is a non-profit, self funded organization. Thus, we are solely responsible for all financial obligations. It would become necessary to invest further monies into having programs forwarded to an outside source for captioning; thus, impacting our airtime deadlines. This added cost would be an undue burden on the ministry at this time.
- (3) Faith Pleases God Church's broadcast is an outreach ministry whose sole purpose is to share the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our local community.

Again, we respectfully request that Faith Pleases God Church's broadcast be exempt from the closed captioning requirement based upon the aforementioned reasons.

Sincerely,

  
Pastor Kevin Ortiz

Cc: Colleen Willis  
Vice President-Sales Development  
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**Exemption from Closed Captioning: Undue Burden**

Name and Address of organization:

FAITH PLEASES GOD CHURCH

4501 W Exp 83, Harlingen, TX 78552

Name & title of contact person: Pastor Kevin Ortiz, Sr. Pastor

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**Instructions:** Please provide responses to the following items. You should submit documentation to support your statements, particularly those related to your finances. There is no need to limit replies to the space provided. The more information included in your petition, the greater the likelihood of success in obtaining an exemption.

1. Describe the organization and nature of its operations, including for profit/non-profit status, business purpose or mission, and primary activities (examples: education, ministry, public service, etc.).

The broadcast of Faith Pleases God Church is a self-funded, not for profit non-news program whose sole purpose is evangelistic, with local public interests as it's target.

2. Give a brief description of the programming and its intended purpose.

The 30 minute broadcast provides informative teaching of biblical principles.

3. Give a specific description of the methods and costs of closed captioning the programming. You may wish to contact the station(s) to get more details about the type of captioning used as well the costs of services, equipment and maintenance.

In a conversation with the station, KGBT Ch4, the approximate cost for contracting or outsourcing closed captioning would be an estimated \$250.00 per broadcast & a rate of \$7.00 per minute.

**4. Does the expense associated with captioning require you to seek additional funds or curtail development and investment in other aspects of your organization? Does it have any other negative affect on your operations? Please explain fully.**

The expense associated with captioning our program is not feasible for Faith Pleases God Church at this time. It would cause us to discontinue airing our program.

**5. Please describe your finances and resources. You should be sure to include the documents supporting your description, such as annual reports, balance statements, tax forms, and/or any other material depicting your cash flow, when you send back this questionnaire.**

Attached;

**6. List other relevant factors that demonstrate the burden of closed captioning requirements. Does it harm relations with other organizations or affect timing and delivery of programming? Any way in which the requirements would make day-to-day functioning harder should be mentioned.**

The time it takes to outsource the program for closed captioning would directly affect airdate deadlines which would affect the relationship with our broadcast and marketing team.

**7. Offer examples of one or more alternatives to closed captioning that would both be feasible for your organization and make programming readily accessible to the hearing impaired.**

There are no other alternatives as advised by our broadcast station regarding closed captioning, including contract resources.

**Faith Pleases God Church**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
September 2007 through August 2008

	<u>Sep '07 - Aug 08</u>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Net Income	94,955.15
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operations:	
Accounts Receivable	-3,001.37
Payroll Advances	901.50
Accounts Payable	-5,145.79
American Express	2,881.98
Home Depot	-1,142.97
Office Depot	-1,470.79
American Express Line of Credit	-12.00
Other Payables:Due To AOC	169.97
Other Payables:Due To/From	-908.27
Other Payables:Due To/From:Future Design	-25.68
Other Payables:Due to WMO	382.00
Other Payables:Due to Aracelis Ortiz	-82,772.27
NASE Payable (John's Insur)	-2,832.00
Payroll Liabilities:Federal Withholding	-533.29
Payroll Liabilities:Medicare Company	-37.38
Payroll Liabilities:Medicare Employee	-37.38
Payroll Liabilities:Social Security Company	-159.83
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Net cash provided by Operating Activities	<u>1,051.75</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Buildings:Raymondville	-2,229.00
Buildings:W. Expressway:Construction in Progress	-279,529.16
Buildings:W. Expressway:Construction in Progress:Materials	-106,647.00
Buildings:W. Expressway:Construction in Progress:Labor	-25,358.40
Equipment:Audio Eqmt	-7,538.63
Equipment:Television	-10,846.17
Equipment:Youth	-1.96
Net cash provided by Investing Activities	<u>-432,150.32</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Notes Payable:N/P- FNB Note	170,000.00
Notes Payable:N/P-TSB Draws	191,000.00
Notes Payable:N/P-1st Comm.Bank	-4,766.97
Notes Payable:N/P - TSB Note	103,313.70
Net cash provided by Financing Activities	<u>459,546.73</u>
Net cash increase for period	28,448.16
Cash at beginning of period	<u>73,832.57</u>
Cash at end of period	<u><u>102,280.73</u></u>