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Attn: Secretary's Office
Closed Captioning
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RE: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM COMMISSION'S CLOSED CAPTIONING RULES

The Big Joe Polka Show, respectfully submits this petition requesting exemption from the closed captioning requirements under section 79.1 of the commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. & 79.1 The Big Joe Polka Show qualifies for this exemption for the following reasons:

Part 79.1 Section D

Item 8 "The Big Joe Polka Show" is locally produced and distributed. The program is not a news program and the "electronic newsroom" technique of captioning is unavailable at this time.

Part 79.1 Section F

Compliance would impose an undue burden on the programmer for the following reasons: It would be necessary to send the program to an outside source for the captioning, making the cost of production prohibitive.

In addition, the Big Joe Polka Show is mostly instrumental music, featuring at least five separate bands per program, and many of the lyrics sung are in a foreign language, making it even more expensive to "close caption."

Again, we respectfully request that The Big Joe Polka Show be exempted from the closed captioning requirement for the above reason.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Siedlik".

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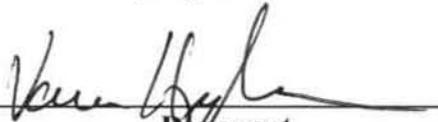
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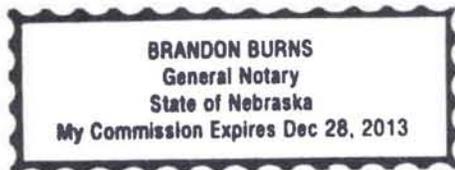
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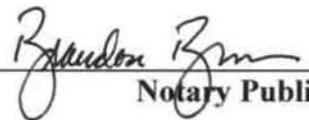
1. **Introduction.** Being duly sworn, Vance Hughes, deposes and says:
2. **Description of Deponent.** I am the owner of Media Patch, an editing and production company with offices in Omaha, Nebraska.
2. **Statement of Fact.** I regularly engage in the business of producing "closed captioning" for various programs broadcast on television. I am knowledgeable of the procedures and the costs associated with such production. The cost to add "closed captioning to the program known as The Big Joe Polka Show, a one hour music and dancing program, will be \$750.00 per program. Said cost of this "closed captioning" production is in addition to any regular production costs.

To the best of my knowledge, these facts are a true representation of the costs associated with the production of "closed captioning" for the aforementioned program.


Deponent

Sworn before me this 13th day of June 2011




Notary Public