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NOTICE OF DISMISSALS OF CLOSED CAPTIONING EXEMPTION PETITIONS AND OBLIGATION TO BEGIN PROVIDING CLOSED CAPTIONING

CG Docket No. 06-181

By this *Notice*, the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's or Commission's) Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (Bureau) announces the dismissal of the petitions for exemption from the Commission's closed captioning requirements listed herein.¹

The Commission's closed captioning rules allow video programming providers, producers, or owners to obtain an exemption from the closed captioning requirements if they demonstrate that providing captions on their programming would be "economically burdensome."² On various dates, the petitioners listed in the Appendix filed petitions for closed captioning exemptions under these rules. The Bureau then placed each of these petitions on public notice. After reviewing the comments received in response to these petitions, the Bureau determined that it required additional and updated information to evaluate whether the programming at issue should be exempted from the FCC's closed captioning requirements because captioning such programming would impose an economic burden on the petitioners. The Bureau sent letters to these petitioners requesting this supplemental information within 30 days of the date of each letter. In these letters, the Bureau advised these petitioners that failure to provide all of the updated information and documentation requested would result in dismissal of their petitions for failure to support their exemption requests with adequate explanation and evidence. The Bureau further advised petitioners that, in the event of such dismissal, petitioners would be required to begin providing closed captioning on the programming at issue within 90 days of the date of the Bureau's notification of dismissal.

The petitioners listed in the Appendix to this *Notice* responded to the Bureau's request for supplemental information, but failed to provide in full the requested supplemental information. Accordingly, the petitions listed in the Appendix are dismissed without prejudice as of July 2, 2014, the release date of this *Notice*.³ This *Notice* also reminds these petitioners of their obligations to comply with the FCC's closed captioning requirements contained in Part 79 of the Commission's rules with regard to the programming that was the subject of their petitions by September 30, 2014, which is 90 days after the release of this *Notice* of dismissal.

² 47 C.F.R. § 79.1(f).

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 79.1. The names of the petitioners are set forth in the Appendix to this *Notice*.

³ The release of this *Notice* serves as the Bureau's notification of dismissal to these petitioners. The Bureau will also mail a copy of this *Notice* to each of the petitioners listed in the Appendix, with a description of the supplemental information that each individual petitioner did not provide to the Commission.

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APPENDIX

Petitions for Closed Captioning Exemptions Dismissed July 2, 2014

Case Identifier CGB-CC-	Petitioner	Program Name	Mailing Address
0572	The Justice Foundation	"Faces of Abortion"	The Justice Foundation Attn: Allan E. Parker, Jr., President 7210 Louis Pasteur Drive, Suite 200 San Antonio, TX 78229
6897	Healing Miracles TV Ministry	"Seeking the Lost"	Healing Miracles TV Ministry Attn: Joan Amabile P.O. Box 795 Cornelius, NC 28031