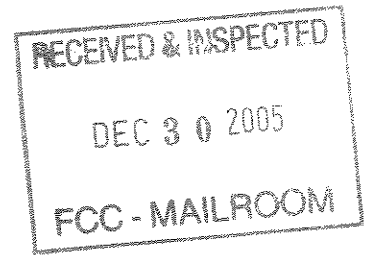


CGB-CC-0172



Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Attention: CGB Room 3-B431
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Petition for Exemption from Closed Captioning Requirements

Introduction

First Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas, ("FBT") is a Texas Baptist Church located in Smith County, Texas. Tyler is ninety miles east of Dallas, Texas, and ninety miles west of Shreveport, Louisiana. FBT was founded in 1848. The church mission statement reads: "FBT is called to exalt Jesus as Lord through worship, equip and encourage believers to grow in Christ, evangelize a changing world through word, example and service."

FBT has contracted with Video Works, Inc. to produce a televised broadcast of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship service once per week. The title of the program is "Spreading the Light." The program invites viewers in the Northeast Texas media market to participate in worship with us through the medium of television. The program airs one time per week, fifty weeks per year.

Each episode of "Spreading the Light" lasts one hour. It airs at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday morning, fifty weeks per year. The program airs on Channel 7 KLTV. It is produced by Video Works, Inc., a service provider under contract with FBT. The target audience is any potential viewer in the Northeast Texas area who seeks a worship experience on Sunday mornings and chooses or is unable to attend worship in person.

For the reasons set forth below, FBT hereby requests an undue burden exemption from the closed captioning rules for "Spreading the Light," pursuant to § 79.1(f) of the Commission's rules.

Nature and Cost of Closed Captions

Since FBT became aware of the FCC rules on closed captions, we have contacted a court reporter to determine the cost of transcription. We understand that the person we have talked to is the only independent court reporter in Northeast Texas who provides this service. We have also priced encoder equipment to convert the transcription into a video stream. Further, we have requested that KLTN Channel 7 provide closed captions for Spreading the Light at no charge to FBT. We have not received a response to that request at this time. Finally, we have investigated the option of providing a divided screen with a sign language interpreter. We could not locate a competent interpreter in this area on short notice to determine the cost of this service. This forced us to reject this option at this time.

Impact on the Operation of the Program Provider

The total cost of producing "Spreading the Light" on an annual basis is \$60,000 for 50 episodes. Each episode costs approximately \$1,200. Closed captioning would increase the cost by approximately \$275 per episode. This would increase the cost of production by approximately twenty-three percent (23%). This increase would make it virtually impossible for FBT to continue to produce the program. The increase is not budgeted in 2006 and would probably not be likely to be approved for inclusion in any proposed budgets for the future. An additional incremental cost in that amount would likely mean the end of the broadcast for FBT because it would place us in the position of eliminating other programs of the church to provide closed captioning for the broadcast. The program itself generates no revenue for FBT. Supporting documentation for these costs is attached.

Financial Resources of the Program Provider

FBT is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization. Our most recent balance sheet is attached. We depend solely on contributions from the members of the church to fund our programs each year. Our main expenditures are for the staff and other resources necessary to provide ministries and services to the community and to members of the church. As evidenced by the attached balance sheet, receiving enough contributed revenue to meet budgeted expenditures is always a concern. FBT was tens of thousands of dollars behind budget as we approached the end of 2005. Although this is not entirely unexpected in light of seasonal giving patterns, the circumstances were exacerbated this year by our efforts to provide relief to many affected by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. FBT served as a Red Cross shelter for a number of those displaced by the hurricanes; we were the last shelter open in Tyler. We also provided construction and other support to a church in Louisiana whose building was badly damaged by the storms. These services placed an additional strain on an already tight budget for 2005. Supporting documentation for the church's financial status is attached.

Type of Operations of the Program Provider

FBT is a non-profit religious institution. We exist to serve and glorify God through service to our community and our members. We have established a non-profit health clinic for those who cannot afford medical care, a services center for those who find themselves without need food, clothing and other resources, an Hispanic preschool primarily for those whose families do not speak English as a second language and a host of other community ministries in addition to regular Sunday and Wednesday programming. From time to time we offer unique religious educational experiences to our community through lectures, drama and music. Our church is also actively involved in spreading the gospel around the world through missionaries and

funding. Benevolence to members of the church and others in the community and beyond is a regular, intentional part of our ministry.

Other factors

Petitioner believes that the local, non-news exemption and revenue under \$3,000,000 exemption to the closed captioning rules also apply to “Spreading the Light.”¹ As noted above, the program is produced and distributed locally, and the sermons of FBT are of primarily, if not exclusively, local public interest. The episodes are not news, they do not have repeat value, and the electronic newsroom technique is not available. As evidenced by our financial documents, our annual revenue from contributions has never reached \$3,000,000. Notwithstanding the applicability of these exemptions, we have filed this petition out of an abundance of caution and for the purpose of establishing certainty.

Conclusion

As shown by this Petition and its attachments, the Commission should grant a waiver of the closed captioning requirements in this case, because requiring closed captioning would create an undue burden. The costs of captioning would be excessively high and would have a significant impact on Petitioner’s operations. The Petitioner’s type of operations and financial resources are different in kind and magnitude from a mainstream programming provider. Because of the significant difficulty and expense of providing closed captions, a waiver under section 79.1(f) is warranted. If more information is needed, please contact me at the address provided below.

¹ These exemptions are self-implementing, and therefore Petitioner notes their applicability without expecting or requesting FCC action on it.

Respectfully submitted,

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, TYLER, TEXAS

By:



Michael E. Starr
Member and Authorized Agent
301 W. Ferguson
Tyler, Texas 75702
903-595-1021
903-597-1855 Fax

Dated: December 29, 2005

I, Michael E. Starr, am a member of and authorized agent of First Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas. I have reviewed the Petition for Exemption for Closed Captioning Requirements filed on behalf of First Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas, in this matter, and, upon information and belief, believe the statements regarding our organization and "Spreading the Light" to be true and accurate.



Michael E. Starr, Member and Authorized Agent

December 29, 2005
Date

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMMING

“Spreading the Light” airs one time per week, fifty times per year on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. on KLTV Channel 7 in Tyler, Texas.



BaptistGeneralConventionOfTexas
Financial Management

March 23, 2005

First Baptist Church
301 W. Ferguson
Tyler, TX 75702

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to confirm that First Baptist Church of Tyler, Texas is affiliated with the Baptist Convention of Texas and as such is subject to Group Ruling #1703 providing exemption from Federal Income Tax under the provisions of IRS Code, Section 501 (c)(3).

The Baptist General Convention of Texas is listed as a charitable non-profit organization in the Internal Revenue Service Publication #78. A copy of the listing of the churches and associations affiliated with the Convention is provided annually to the Internal Revenue Service Exempt Organization Branch. First Baptist Church of Tyler, Texas is included in the list.

The Baptist Convention of Texas assumes no legal liability for the actions of First Baptist Church of Tyler, Texas.

Sincerely,

Jill Larsen
Controller/Assistant Treasurer

JL:jm
Encl.

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Baptist General Convention Of
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Person to Contact:
EP/EO Correspondence Examiner

Telephone Number:
(214) 767-6518

Refer Reply to:
EP/EO:SPB:4950DAL

Date: 09-03-91

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our records show that Baptist General Convention Of Texas
is exempt from Federal Income Tax under Group Ruling Number 1703
section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This exemption was granted
December 1964 and remains in full force and effect. You are included
in this group ruling. Contributions to your organization are deductible as
provided by section 170 of the code.

We have classified your organization as one that is not a private foundation
within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code because
you are an organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).

If we may be of further assistance, please contact the person whose name and
telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

A. Wilson

EP/EO Correspondence Examiner

001 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TYLER
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2005
Balance Sheet for Period 11 - November

	BUDGET	FUNDS	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CE	DESIGNATED FUNDS	Total all Funds
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS					
CASH					
10300 Austin Bank Checking	-318,211.30		.00	599,201.68	280,990.38
10310 Austin Bank Payroll	503.62		.00	.00	503.62
11170 Bank One Checking	.00		.00	.00	.00
TOTAL CASH	-317,707.68		.00	599,201.68	281,494.00
INVESTMENTS					
11240 Merrill Lynch - Money Market	.00		.00	1,050.26	1,050.26
11280 Wachovia Securities	.00		.00	25,663.76	25,663.76
11310 Facilities Endowment Fund	.00		.00	51,240.43	51,240.43
11320 Missions Endowment Fund	.00		.00	1,619.87	1,619.87
11351 Kay Seminary Funds	.00		.00	18,065.93	18,065.93
11352 Judean Fund	.00		.00	131,803.91	131,803.91
11361 Richardson Youth Funds	.00		.00	251,498.23	251,498.23
11362 Academic Scholarship	.00		.00	20,011.17	20,011.17
11363 B. Smith Youth Funds	.00		.00	29,534.01	29,534.01
11364 Shamburger Fund	.00		.00	37,924.67	37,924.67
11365 Phillips Children's Fund	.00		.00	12,043.41	12,043.41
11370 Templeton Growth Fund	.00		.00	5,462.85	5,462.85
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	.00		.00	585,918.50	585,918.50
TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS	-317,707.68		.00	1,185,120.18	867,412.50
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE					
13100 Insurance Receivables	764.86		.00	.00	764.86
13600 Merrill Lynch - Money Market	.00		.00	.00	.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	764.86		.00	.00	764.86
EMPLOYEE ADVANCES					
14140 Hand In Hand Petty Cash	100.00		.00	.00	100.00
14142 Ninos Petty Cash	.00		100.00	.00	100.00
14180 Billy Bob Dempsey	.00		.00	.00	.00
Total Employee Advances	100.00		100.00	.00	200.00
14200	.00		.00	.00	.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	-316,842.82		100.00	1,185,120.18	868,377.36
FIXED ASSETS					
15100 Equipment	660,538.02		.00	.00	660,538.02
15200 Auto	107,820.00		.00	.00	107,820.00
15300 Buildings	2,559,048.81		.00	.00	2,559,048.81
15360 Improvements	1,396,245.15		.00	.00	1,396,245.15
15400 Computers	87,571.41		.00	.00	87,571.41
15500 Land	1,482,754.96		.00	.00	1,482,754.96
15600 4 West	69,353.94		.00	.00	69,353.94
15700 Fender Property	61,021.80		.00	.00	61,021.80
15800 Sanctuary	150,000.00		.00	.00	150,000.00
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	6,574,354.09		.00	.00	6,574,354.09

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	<u>BUDGET FUNDS</u>	<u>CHILD DEVELOPMENT CE</u>	<u>DESIGNATED FUNDS</u>	<u>Total all Funds</u>
OTHER ASSETS				
AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURE				
16169 AFE's	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL AFE	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	.00	.00	.00	.00
TOTAL ASSETS	6,257,511.27	100.00	1,185,120.18	7,442,731.45
LIABILITIES				
SHORT TERM LIABILITIES				
20200 FICA Tax Liabilities	-134.40	.00	.00	-134.40
20210 Medicare Tax Liabilities	-31.44	.00	.00	-31.44
20300 Federal Tax Liabilities	-126.86	.00	.00	-126.86
20900 Cooperative Program	37,936.00	.00	.00	37,936.00
TOTAL SHORT TERM LIABILITIES	37,643.30	.00	.00	37,643.30
LONG TERM LIABILITIES				
25170 Austin Bank - Term Loan	1,827,897.35	.00	1,088,985.00	2,916,882.35
2 Austin Bank- Auto Loan	62,330.58	.00	.00	62,330.58
TOTAL LONG TERM LIABILITIES	1,890,227.93	.00	1,088,985.00	2,979,212.93
DESIGNATED FUNDS				
26150 Miscellaneous Memorials	.00	.00	5,979.99	5,979.99
26200 Journal Account	.00	.00	114,548.61	114,548.61
26230 George H Phillips Trust Income	.00	.00	53,060.31	53,060.31
26310 SBC World Missions	.00	.00	240.00	240.00
26320 Foreign Missions (Lottie)	.00	.00	556.37	556.37
26330 Home Missions (Annie)	.00	.00	184.65	184.65
26340 State Missions (Mary Hill)	.00	.00	3,446.90	3,446.90
26350 CBF World Missions	.00	.00	2,897.00	2,897.00
26360 World Missions	.00	.00	19,904.90	19,904.90
26380 Local Missions	.00	.00	11,817.97	11,817.97
26381 Local Missions Contra	.00	.00	-3,398.69	-3,398.69
26390 Local Missions - TFAC	.00	.00	18,222.89	18,222.89
26400 TFAC Building Fund	.00	.00	26,945.59	26,945.59
26510 Lakeside Baptist Kenya	.00	.00	148.44	148.44
27510 Pastor's Ministries Fund (PMF)	.00	.00	1,790.10	1,790.10
27750 Parlor Fund	.00	.00	307.58	307.58
27800 Family Ministry Site	.00	.00	931.30	931.30
27801 Fm. Min. Site - Upkeep	.00	.00	422.03	422.03
27802 Family Ministry Site - Ballpark	.00	.00	145.45	145.45
27803 Family Ministry Site - Special	.00	.00	5,320.40	5,320.40
27 South Campus Startup	.00	.00	6,296.93	6,296.93
27 South Campus - Brick Fund	.00	.00	2,871.79	2,871.79
27810 Seniors Ministries Fund	.00	.00	1,237.77	1,237.77
27820 Special Education	.00	.00	666.96	666.96
27830 Singles	.00	.00	787.46	787.46
27850 Above & Beyond Campaign	.00	.00	778,098.62	778,098.62
27851 Above & Beyond Administration	.00	.00	-31,324.39	-31,324.39

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	CHILD	DESIGNATED	Total
<u>BUDGET FUNDS</u>	<u>DEVELOPMENT CE</u>	<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>all Funds</u>
27502 Above & Beyond Construction	.00	-1,449,319.52	-1,449,319.52
27853 A & B Extra Const. expense	.00	-174,260.15	-174,260.15
28060 Bible Drill	.00	312.01	312.01
28070 Children	.00	4,962.22	4,962.22
28071 Children BP. Fd. Earn.	.00	3,694.96	3,694.96
28090 Academic Scholarship Fund	.00	6,448.52	6,448.52
28091 Seminary Scholarship Fund	.00	11,014.57	11,014.57
28092 Academic Scholarship Reserve	.00	12,873.00	12,873.00
28093 Ac. Sch. Bp Fd Earn	.00	4,873.11	4,873.11
28094 Ac. Sch. Fund Mkt. Adj.	.00	2,265.06	2,265.06
28100 Judean Ministry Fund	.00	96,000.20	96,000.20
28101 Judean Fund Bp Fd Earn	.00	21,025.50	21,025.50
28102 Judean Fund Mkt. Adj.	.00	9,926.41	9,926.41
28110 Library Memorial Fund	.00	2,683.07	2,683.07
28130 Preschool Designated	.00	19.85	19.85
28140 Young Married Designated	.00	1,716.13	1,716.13
28150 Music	.00	2,357.84	2,357.84
28161 Cookbook	.00	12.00	12.00
28170 Vehicle Replacement Fund	.00	20,850.00	20,850.00
28180 Baptist Standard	.00	5.54	5.54
28200 Youth Fund Account	.00	7,338.42	7,338.42
28201 Youth Fund Bp Fd Earn	.00	41,361.29	41,361.29
28202 Youth - Special	.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
28203 Youth Intern Fund	.00	24.60	24.60
28205 Recreation Desq	.00	5,850.00	5,850.00
28210 Friendship Choir	.00	272.73	272.73
28220 TV Ministry	.00	8,068.81	8,068.81
28250 Ferguson & Bonner Prop Lease	.00	6,116.58	6,116.58
28300 Facilities (Bp. Fdn.)	.00	36,260.51	36,260.51
28301 Facilities Earnings	.00	7,246.43	7,246.43
28302 Facilities Endow. Mkt. Adj.	.00	7,733.49	7,733.49
28310 Missions (Bp. Fdn.)	.00	1,285.00	1,285.00
28311 Missions Earnings	.00	278.08	278.08
28312 Missions Endow. Mkt. Adj.	.00	56.79	56.79
28330 Kitchen Fund	.00	582.15	582.15
28340 Bethesda Clinic	.00	-46.49	-46.49
28350 Deacon's Fund	.00	48.16	48.16
28400 Local Benevolence	.00	20.40	20.40
28410 ABC Quilters	.00	1,020.00	1,020.00
28420 Archives	.00	499.28	499.28
28500 WMU Designated	.00	-1,131.46	-1,131.46
28510 Tri-Church Women's Conf.	.00	1,162.58	1,162.58
28610 Thanksgiving Funds	.00	3,472.43	3,472.43
28630 Royal Family Kids Camp	.00	13,484.55	13,484.55
28640 Ninos de Promesa	.00	167.86	167.86
29050 Richardson Gift For Youth Fund	.00	177,000.00	177,000.00
29051 Richardson Fund Mkt. Adj.	.00	3,592.76	3,592.76
29060 B.R. Smith, Birdie Smith Fund	.00	19,000.00	19,000.00
29061 B. Smith Fund Mkt. Adj.	.00	616.70	616.70
29070 L.L. Daniel, Calvin & Essie K	.00	10,708.30	10,708.30
29071 Kay Seminary Bp Fd Earn	.00	6,399.66	6,399.66
29072 Kay Seminary Fund Mkt. Adj.	.00	957.97	957.97
29080 Wilson Mem. for Runnion Estate	.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
29090 Phillips Children's Scholarshi	.00	8,096.52	8,096.52
29091 Phillips Fund Mkt. Adj.	.00	1,363.21	1,363.21
29100 2100 Fund	.00	3,183.02	3,183.02
29101 2100 Fund Earnings	.00	2,279.83	2,279.83

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	BUDGET	FUND	DEVELOPMENT	CE	DESIGNATED FUNDS	Total all Funds
J Shamburger Lecture Series Fund	.00	.00	.00	.00	24,807.20	24,807.20
29111 Shamburger Fund Bp. Fd. Earn.	.00	.00	.00	.00	11,132.84	11,132.84
29112 Shamburger Fund Mkt. Adj.	.00	.00	.00	.00	791.83	791.83
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	.00	.00	.00	.00	36,769.28	36,769.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,927,871.23	.00	.00	.00	1,125,754.28	3,053,625.51
TOTAL LIABILITIES	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
EQUITY						
30100 Transfer to/from Budget	-42,624.56	51,872.61	43,602.01			52,850.06
30200 Transfer to/from CDC	1,834.54	74,349.01	26.88			76,210.43
30300 Transfer to/from Designated	-18,556.03	.00	15,737.01			-2,819.02
30900 Retirement of Indebtedness	98,058.73	.00	.00			98,058.73
31000 Retained Equity	4,595,990.29	-57,658.97	.00			4,538,331.32
Retained Equity-Current Year	-305,062.92	-68,462.65	.00			-373,525.57
Retained Equity-Total	4,290,927.37	-126,121.62	.00	.00	.00	4,164,805.75
TOTAL EQUITY	4,329,640.05	100.00	59,365.90	4,389,105.95		
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQU	6,257,511.28	100.00	1,185,120.18	7,442,731.46		

December 29, 2005

Mike Starr
Counsel for First Baptist Church, Tyler
hand delivered

Dear Mr. Starr :

Video Works, Inc. produces Spreading the Light, the weekly TV worship service for First Baptist Church. The program airs on KLTV, Channel 7 once per week, at 11:00 AM.

In our role as producers, we provide substantially all the leadership and technical personnel to make the broadcast happen. We schedule and train the church's volunteer camera operators, provide a Director/TD, and provide editing services to turn the resulting raw footage into a finished broadcast. For our efforts, we are compensated at \$60,000 per year for 50 shows. (KLTV preempts the show twice a year.) This breaks down to \$1,200 per show.

Adding closed captioning requires both additional equipment and additional trained personnel, over and above the charges called for under our current contract with the church. The hardware costs are about \$7500; I've attached brochures for a couple of possible choices. Amortizing this purchase over a year's time would add \$150 to the cost of each show. The on-going personnel costs would be \$125 per week, for a total weekly increase of \$275.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Respectfully,



Steve Guidry
President, Video Works, Inc.

Steve Guidry

From: "Terry McGinty" <txcaption@austin.rr.com>
To: "Steve Guidry" <steveguidry@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2005 5:55 PM
Subject: Re: need quote for ongoing program

Steve: We only do live programming, no offline or post-production. If you have a set-up where it can be done live (the broadcast site has an encoder and we could listen to it through an audio line), we'd charge \$125/hr. Sometimes companies find that cheaper than doing the offline type captioning.

Terry

----- Original Message -----

From: Steve Guidry
To: txcaption@austin.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2005 4:36 PM
Subject: need quote for ongoing program

Could you please provide me with a price quote for captioning a weekly one-hour church service.

I'll provide the master on the format of your choice. Ideally, we'd get you the show on Tuesday, and we'd like it back on Friday for airing on Sunday, but if necessary, we can drop to an additional week delay.

Steve Guidry
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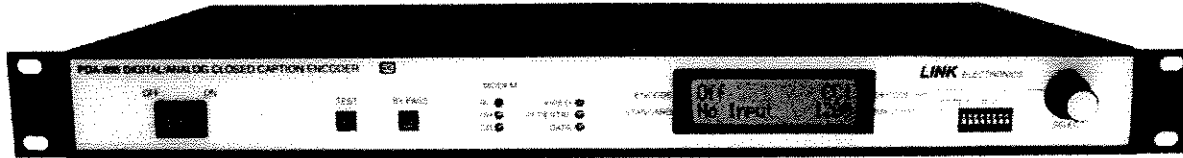
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- ◆ Analog Closed CC Out
- ◆ Optional Modem
- ◆ Modem Indication
- ◆ SDI I/O
- ◆ Analog Composite I/O
- ◆ Power-Up Mode, User Defined
- ◆ Caption & Text
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- ◆ RS-232C/ 422 Controlled
- ◆ V-Chip Compatible
- ◆ Power Down Protect
- ◆ Auto-Detect, PAL/NTSC

The PDA-895 is both a Closed Caption Encoder and Decoder capable of inserting and decoding caption and text data on NTSC, PAL, Analog Y/C, RGB, YUV, and SDI.

Caption and Text data may be inserted in either field of the Vertical Blanking Interval. In addition, data on the incoming video signal may be recovered from either field of the VBI. This incoming data may be displayed as Open Captions, using the built-in Closed Caption Decoder, and captured by a computer utilizing the PDA-895's serial data port. Each of these important functions, Encoding, Decoding, and Data Recovery may be done simultaneously.

The Closed Caption Decoder's functions may be controlled from the front panel while the Encoder and Data Recovery functions are controlled via the serial data port, on the SDI and analog composite and the open caption outputs..

Inputs and outputs are provided for, not only NTSC and PAL, but also Analog Y/C, RGB, YUV, and SDI. The power-loss feature by-passes the analog and SDI when AC power to the PDA-895 fails.

In response to the FCC mandated requirements, captions shall not interfere with emergency crawls.

The PDA-895 incorporates a weather-lift feature that moves the captioning up 1 to 3 lines whenever a contact-closure is detected on it's GPI input.

For remote captioning applications, a second serial port is available as a modem input. Both serial ports may be configured for RS-232 or RS-422 I/O. Front panel DIP switches are provided to select the baud rate selections of 1200, 2400, 4800, and 9600 bps.

Modem speeds are 1200 or 2400 baud. The modem takes priority over the serial port, and when the modem hangs up, the PDA-895 is restored to the last mode left by the modem.

Front panel LED's show the unit status and the presence of serial data. A pair of front panel push-buttons allow the user to run an encoded test message or to place the unit in by-pass mode.

The PDA-895 is ready for V-Chip technology. LINK Electronics is incorporating this technology in the firmware of the PDA-895. The PDA-895 handles the automatic repetition of the "V-Chip" data and can interleave it with existing Line 21 Closed Caption data.

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MODEL PDA-895 CAPTION ENCODER/DECODER DIGITAL AND ANALOG SPECIFICATIONS

ANALOG INPUT:

NTSC/PAL/RGB/YUV/YC:
 Inputs: One
 NTSC / PAL / G / Y Level: 1.0Vpp \pm 4dB
 RB / UV / C Level: ... 0.7Vpp (100% Sat.) \pm 4dB
 Impedance: 75 Ω , Terminated
 Connectors: BNC (x3)
 Return Loss: 40dB
 Maximum DC on Input: 3.2V DC
 Common Mode Range: 6.4V p-p

SDI INPUT:

Number: One
 Standard: SMPTE 259M-C 270Mb/s
 Connector: 75 Ω BNC
 Impedance: 75 Ω \pm 1%
 Return Loss: >18dB to 270MHz
 Signal Level: 800mV \pm 10%

OUTPUTS:

NTSC/PAL/RGB/YUV/YC:
 Number of Outputs: Two
 NTSC / PAL / G / Y Level: 1Vp-p \pm 1dB
 RB / UV / C Level: ... 0.7Vpp (100% Sat.) \pm 1dB
 Insertion Gain: Unity
 Impedance: 75 Ω
 Connectors: BNC
 Bandwidth: 26MHz
 Tilt:
 <1% ref. 30Hz square wave
 Hum: >70dB, 1.0Vp-p
 Overshoot & Ringing: <1%
 Propagation Delay: 30nS \pm 5%
 S/N Ratio: >60dB
 Differential Gain <0.1%
 Differential Phase <0.1 $^\circ$
 DC Offset <0.2Vdc

SDI OUTPUT:

Number: Two (2)
 Standard: SMPTE 259M-C 270Mb/s
 Connector: 75 Ω BNC
 Impedance: 75 Ω \pm 1%
 Return Loss: >18dB to 270 MHz
 Signal Level: 800mV \pm 10%

DECODER:

Output: Two
 Level: 1.0Vpp \pm 1dB
 Character Video: 90 IRE
 Character Background: 10 IRE
 Frequency Response: -3dB to 26MHz
 Differential Gain <0.1%
 Differential Phase <0.1 $^\circ$
 DC Offset <0.2Vdc
 Line Rate Tilt: <0.1%
 Field Rate Tilt: <0.1%

WEATHER-LIFT (GPI) INPUT:

Open Circuit Voltage: 5.0V DC
 Maximum Source Current: 0.5mA
 Maximum Overload Input +12V to -7V

FRONT PANEL CONTROLS:

AC Power: On/Off
 By-Pass Push/Push, Maintained
 Test: Push/Push, Momentary
 LED's: Video Presence
 Modem Status: RI,OH,CD, Serial Data, Pedestal

LCD DISPLAY:

Encoding: Field 1 or Field 2
 Decoding: CC1-4, T1-T4, & XDS
 Standard: NTSC or PAL, Analog or Digital
 Baud Rate: 1200, 2400, 4800 or 9600

REAR PANEL:

Modem Connection: 9 Pin D wired as DTE
 Computer Connection: .. 9 Pin D wired as DCE

ENVIRONMENTAL:

Temperature: 0 $^\circ$ to 50 $^\circ$ C (ambient)
 Humidity: 10% to 90% non-condensing
 Power: 24 Watts
 AC Input: 120/240VAC (\pm 10%) 50/60Hz

MECHANICAL:

Height: 1.75 inches
 Width: 19 inches
 Depth: 8 inches
 Weight: 4.75 Lbs.



Steve Guidry

From: "Bob Henson" <bhenson@linkelectronics.com>
To: "Steve Guidry" <steveguidry@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2005 1:04 PM
Subject: Re: Price and ordering info request

Hi Steve:

The PDA-895 does not include software. Software ranges from \$2000 to \$8000. I am presently evaluating a Prompting software, price \$1000. The prompter software is EZ Prompt. The EZ Prompt is a good solution for doing off line captioning.

Bob Henson
Link Electronics, Inc.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Steve Guidry" <steveguidry@earthlink.net>
To: "Sales" <bhenson@linkelectronics.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2005 12:30 PM
Subject: Re: Price and ordering info request

> Does that come with software so I can actually DO the captioning, or is that sold separately ?

>

> Steve

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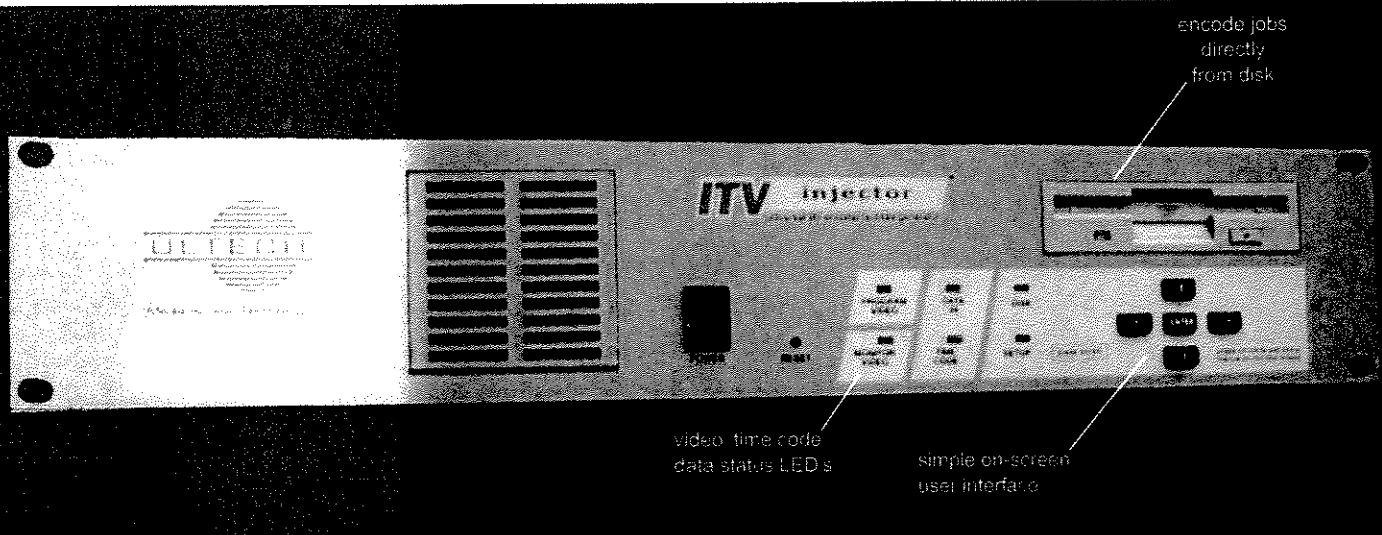
ITVINJECTOR

~~price~~ \$5620 analog only
2800 analog + digital



"Media Access Technology"

Versatile platform for data encoding and simultaneous graphics generation



ITVINJECTOR features

- Encodes closed captions, XDS (V-chip), Interactive TV data, and more
- Reads popular caption files directly from floppy drive—external PC not needed
- Remote control via a network connection
- Built-in closed caption decoder, LTC time code reader, bidirectional GPI
- Field upgradable software
- Three models available:
 - “D”: serial digital in/out
 - “A”: composite analog in/out
 - “H”: both SDI and analog
- Optional 32 bit full screen character generator, fault tolerant upgrade, modem

ITVINJECTOR is ideal for

- Post production
- Tape duplicators
- Caption/DVD subtitle agencies

ITVINJECTOR—the standard of post houses today

ITVinjector is the successor to the DV2000—the industry's first VBI data encoder and subtitle generator in a single unit. With ITVinjector you can generate slates, bugs, TV rating icons and subtitles while encoding closed caption and Interactive TV data. Post production and tape duplication facilities can perform these jobs in a single pass without the need for a PC. Broadcasters can comply with FCC rules by encoding closed captions and V-chip data while simultaneously displaying on-screen TV rating icons.

ITVinjector is constructed in a modular fashion. All of the components plug into industry standard slots. The modular architecture allows for easy upgrades in the field. There are slots available for functions that may be required in the future. ITVinjector comes in three versions depending on the type of video input/output: SDI, composite analog, and dual SDI/analog “hybrid”. The CG function is an add-on option and is only available at the SDI output.

Easy operation

A common complaint in the caption industry is that post houses must deal with caption files with different formats and encoding requirements. ITVinjector addresses this by reading all of the popular caption file formats. The encoder automatically determines the proper settings by looking at the data contained in the file—the operator doesn't even have to specify the format.

In a broadcast environment, ITVinjector can act as a caption server. Caption data does not have to reside in the VBI of programs on videotape; it can be encoded “on-the-fly” as the program airs. Captions may be downloaded to ITVinjector's hard disk via a network connection or modem interface. A script may be generated that instructs ITVinjector to encode a sequence of shows based on time code. This technique saves a tape generation, plus it allows easier reformatting of captions if a show is edited.

VBI Data Encoder/CG

Closed caption encoding

Caption encoding is where ITVinjector truly excels. The heart of the encoder is the CCX caption encoding software module. CCX is ULTECH's Windows-based closed caption encoding program. This program has been in use during the last six years in hundreds of post production and duplication facilities. CCX has evolved into a stable and highly accurate method for metering captions based on time code. It ensures that captions will be revealed on the viewer's screen at exactly the moment intended by the caption's creator. We've taken our time-tested CCX software and modified it for use in the ITVinjector.

ITVinjector's most important feature is its ability to read caption files from the industry's leading agencies and caption software providers. Files from unsupported software vendors may be converted to ULTECH .ULT format and read directly. Of course, ITVinjector may still encode captions the old-fashion way, that is, by sending data to an ITVinjector serial port from a PC.

ITVinjector encodes NTSC captions on line 21 of the VBI, and PAL captions on line 22. It can encode field 2 XDS data such as "V-chip" data while encoding captions in field 1. ITVinjector has an upstream caption decoder, so it can reencode, pass, or merge data per EIA-608 recommendations. All of ITVinjector's encoding functions are performed in software—software that can be upgraded via ULTECH's web site. This ensures that ITVinjector will stay current no matter what the industry may conjure up. Even ITVinjector's waveform generator is controlled via software. A benefit of this is that the caption waveform's "0 IRE" level and its "50 IRE" level may be set from the front panel or via script commands—no more problems with VTR's and converters that strip or add NTSC setup levels.

User interface

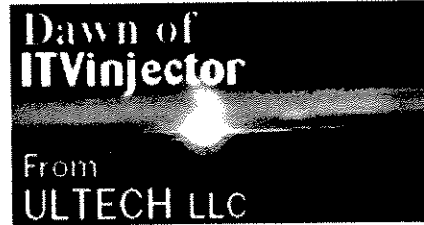
ITVinjector's most useful feature is its ability to accept caption or subtitle jobs from a floppy disk or network connection and run them automatically. Operators are not required to make any settings whatsoever. On the other hand, ITVinjector offers a myriad of control and programming capability to "power users". ITVinjector may be controlled from the front panel, or remotely via communications port, modem, or network connection.

Capabilities table

	SDI composite		SDI component		Analog composite	
	VBI	CG	VBI	CG	VBI	CG
ITVinjector-D SDI	✓	-	✓	✓	-	-
ITVinjector-A Analog	-	-	-	-	✓	-
ITVinjector-H Hybrid	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-

Character generator

You may purchase ITVinjector with an optional character generator to produce text and graphics on-screen. The CG option consists of a larger hard drive, video RAM module, CPU upgrade, and associated software. The CG provides two video frame stores of 24 bit RGB plus 8 bits of transparency ("alpha" channel). You can create any image in 16 million colors with 256 levels of transparency over the background video. Your image can occupy up to 512 TV scan lines in each frame for PAL, and 481 for NTSC.



How to create images with ITVinjector

ITVinjector CG displays text and graphics as individual "subpictures". The subpictures are received via a communications port, network interface, or local script file residing on the hard disk. Subpictures can be displayed by ITVinjector based on longitudinal time code, GPI triggers, and internal or external timing.



ITVinjector displays graphics images that are in BMP, PCX, TIF, and PNG formats. Subpictures are loaded into a non-displayed graphics buffer then displayed at the desired time. Subpictures are always rendered off-line, that is, on an external PC, Mac, or workstation. You can use any graphics drawing program from Adobe, Macromedia and many others to create subpictures. Subpictures can be faded on and off the screen.



Per your request

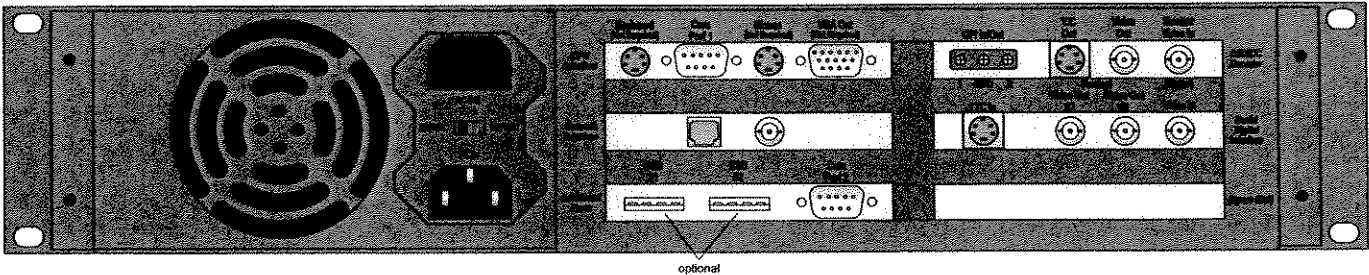
ITVinjector is the result of comments and suggestions received by experts in the industry during the past five years. Features such as combined VBI encoder/CG, adjustable caption waveform level, network interface, floppy drive, and many more were specified by customers who truly understand the business of closed captioning and subtitling. ULTECH acknowledges the invaluable contribution of these individuals in prescribing the formula for the ideal caption/subtitle platform!

Improvements over DV2000

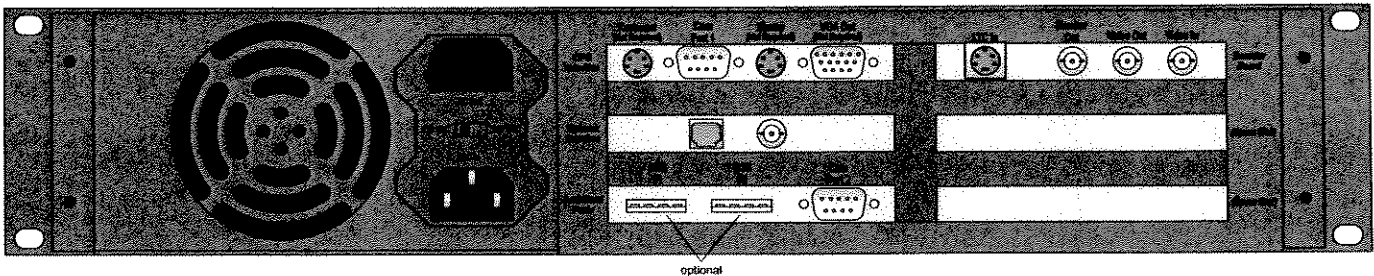
ITVinjector is the successor to ULTECH's DV2000 and offers a number of improvements:

- Virtually unlimited job file size. DV2000 is limited to about 200Kbytes.
- ITVinjector-H can run separate digital and analog jobs at the same time due to its multitasking operating system.
- ITVinjector can read zipped jobs and automatically unzip them.
- ITVinjector is easy to configure for networking, and has client and server network components. DV2000 is difficult to configure for networking, and it only has a client component.
- ITVinjector can be configured—and the front panel can be remotely controlled—from any Windows PC on the network with ULTECH's DvRemote utility.
- ITVinjector can encode NABTS Teletext/ATVEF transport "B" via a network port as well as a serial port. DV2000 only provides for serial port encoding.

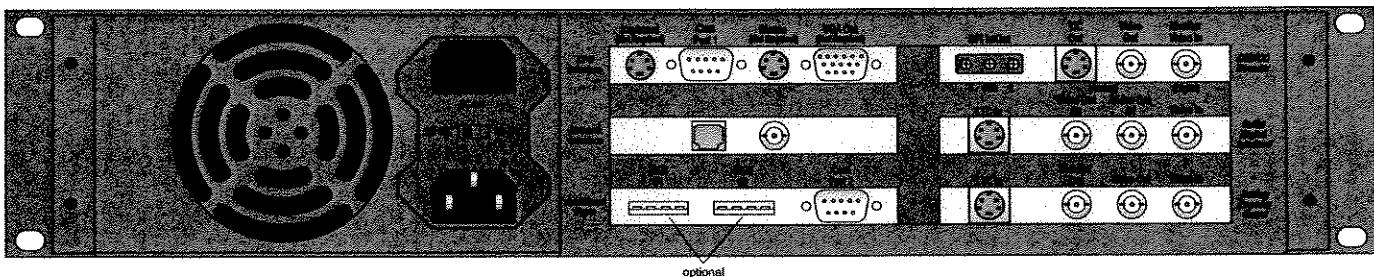
ITVinjector-D "Digital" rear panel



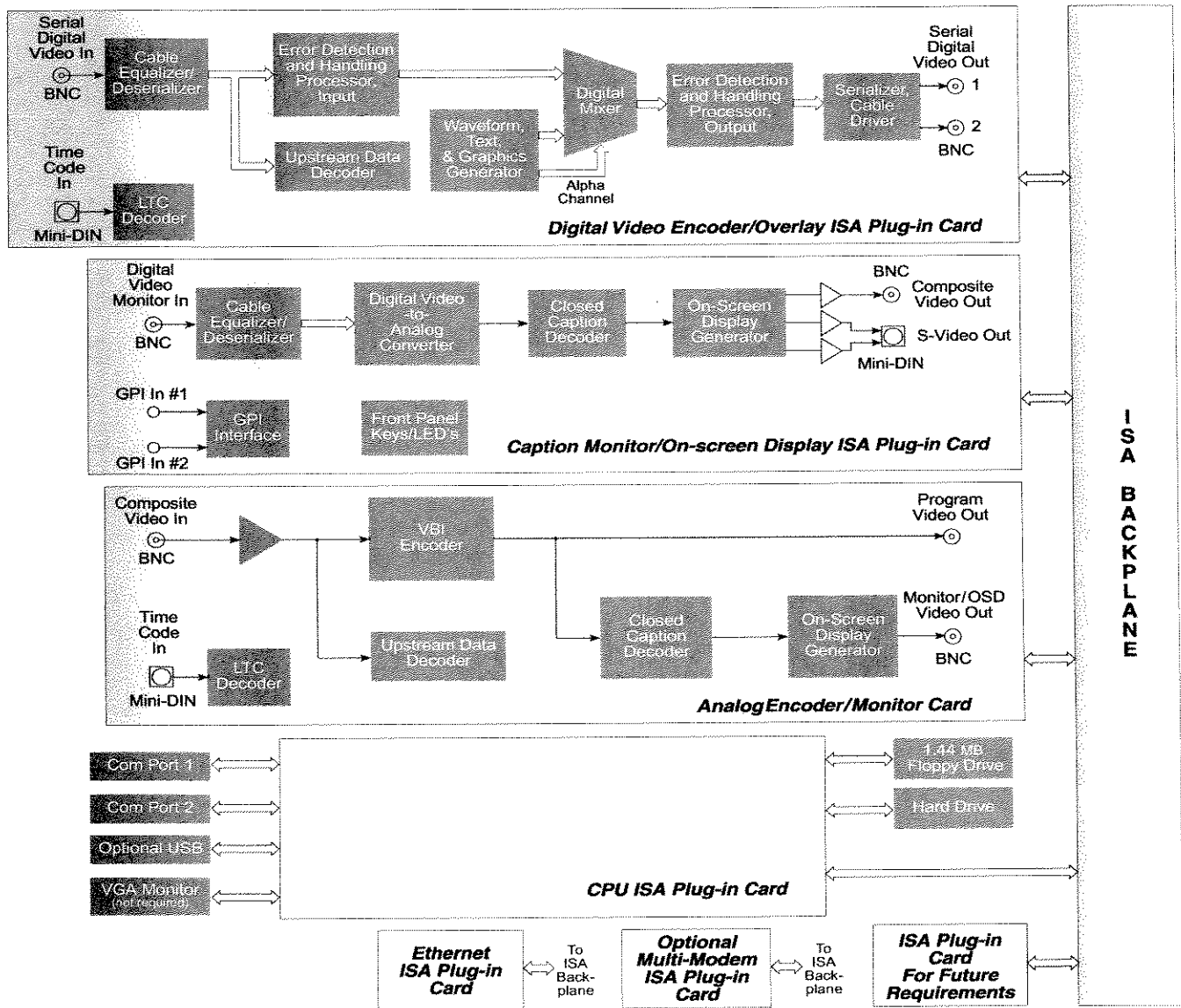
ITVinjector-A "Analog" rear panel



ITVinjector-H "Hybrid" rear panel



Modular architecture, analog/digital "hybrid" shown



Ordering information

Models	ITVinjector-D (serial digital only) ITVinjector-A (composite analog only) ITVinjector-H (both SDI and analog)
Options	OPT12 Character Generator OPT15 56 Kbps Modem OPT18 Fault tolerant upgrade
Warranty	One year parts and labor

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