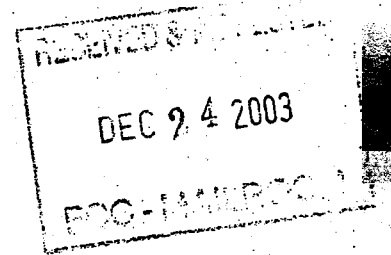


December 15, 2003

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Attn: Secretary's Office
Closed Captioning
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554



RE: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM COMMISSION'S CLOSED
CAPTIONING RULES

CSK-6316

Highland Park Baptist Church 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. Highland Park Baptist Church believes their program qualifies for this exemption for the following reasons.

Part 79.1 Section (D)

Item (8) Highland Park Baptist Church's program is a locally produced and distributed non-news program with no repeat value. The program is of local public interest, 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 to Highland Park Baptist Church for the following reasons:

- (1) Highland Park Baptist Church would have to discontinue our program and cease broadcast operations.
- (2) Highland Park Baptist Church is self-funded. They are solely responsible for any financial obligations and the added cost would be an undue burden on the ministry at this time.
- (3) Highland Park Baptist Church's program is an outreach ministry whose sole purpose is to share the abundant life we have through Jesus Christ with our local community.

Again we respectfully request that Highland Park Baptist Church be exempted from the closed captioning requirement for the above stated reasons. We may be reached at:

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