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Federal Communications Commission  
Disabilities Rights Office  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir or Madam:

CSR 6107

I would like to introduce myself, my name is John Jakubowski. I own PJ Productions which is a television production company located in Utica, NY. My company produces Northeast Great Outdoors, which is a nationally televised fishing and outdoors show broadcast on The Outdoor Channel.

I am writing to you today to request an exemption of the Closed Captioning Requirements for 2003. I am requesting this exemption because of financial difficulties we are experiencing. Our 2003 contract with The Outdoor Channel requires closed captioning be available to all viewers. Our 2003 contract will begin on March 31<sup>st</sup> and will run for 26 weeks on The Outdoor Channel. The cost of this contract is \$24,700.00. It is going to cost us an additional \$3,900.00 for closed captioning.

We obtain our funding from national sponsors, which in turn pays for the air-time, closed captioning and production of the show. As of today, we have had a substantial loss in sponsorship due to the current economy. This loss in revenue has diminished our funds in being able to provide the closed captioning requirement.

I ask that you review my request in being exempt for the closed captioning requirement for 2003. Please contact me at 315-724-7233 if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

John Jakubowski  
Executive Producer

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