

National Archives and Records Administration
REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION AUTHORITY

Records Schedule Number: DAA-0173-2020-0004

Status: APPROVED
Date Approved: 11/18/2025

General Information

Agency or Establishment	Federal Communications Commission
Record/Scheduling Group	0173 - Records of the Federal Communications Commission
Records Schedule Applies To	Agency Subdivision
Major Subdivision	Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB)
Minor Subdivision	Disability Rights Office (DRO)
Schedule Subject	Closed Caption Exemption Petitions
Additional Schedule Information	<p>The Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) rules provide procedures for petitioning the FCC for an exemption from the closed captioning rules when compliance with the rules would be economically burdensome. Exemptions may be granted, in whole or in part, for a channel of video programming, a category or type of video programming, an individual video service, a specific video program, or a video programming provider. A petition for an exemption must be supported by sufficient evidence to demonstrate that compliance with the closed captioning requirements would be economically burdensome, that is, the provision of captioning would result in a significant difficulty or expense for the petitioner.</p> <p>The FCC must consider the following factors in making an economically burdensome determination:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">the nature and cost of the closed captions for the programming;the impact on the operation of the provider or program owner;the financial resources of the provider or program owner; andthe type of operations of the provider or program owner. <p>The petitioner also may present for the FCC's consideration any other factors the petitioner deems relevant to the FCC's final determination, including alternatives that might constitute a reasonable substitute for closed captioning. All petitions and supporting materials must contain a detailed, full showing, supported by an affidavit or a declaration signed under penalty of perjury attesting to the truthfulness and accuracy of any facts or considerations relied on in the submission.</p>

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Our closed captioning rules provides procedures for a channel, a type of video programming, an individual video service, a specific video program or a video programming provider to file a petition for an exemption from our rules when compliance would be economically burdensome.

Is There a Classified Version of This Schedule?

No

Is consultation and coordination with Tribal Governments required?

No - the records covered by this schedule do not implicate Tribal interests

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Item Count

Total number of disposition items: 1

Number of Temporary disposition items: 1

Number of Permanent disposition items: 0

Number of Items with Disposition Not Approved: 0

Number of Inactive disposition items: 0

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Outline of Records Schedule Items for DAA-0173-2020-0004

Item #	Title	Disposition
0001	Closed Caption Exemption Petitions	Temporary

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Records Schedule Items

DAA-0173-2020-0004-0001		STATUS: Active
ITEM GENERAL INFORMATION		
Item Title	Closed Caption Exemption Petitions	
Item Description	Closed caption exemption petition files	
Is this item media neutral?	Yes	
Is this item a Big Bucket?	No	
SUPERSEDED AGENCY DISPOSITION AUTHORITIES AND GRS DEVIATIONS		
Does this item supersede existing disposition authorities?	No	
Is this item a deviation from the GRS?	No	
DISPOSITION INSTRUCTION		
Final Disposition	Temporary	
Cutoff Instructions	Other: Cut off at the end of the calendar year of the petition's closure/final disposition.	
Retention Period	Destroy no later than 5 year(s) after after the petition's closure/final disposition	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
Are any of the records covered by this item national security classified?	No	
GAO Approval Required	No	

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Signatory Information

Action	User	Date
Approve	Marco Rubio (Acting Archivist)	11/18/2025