

I am Bruce L. Merchant. I own KEZM-AM (FCC ID 36210) in Sulphur, La. In 2011, I lost my antenna site and have been operating with a STA ever since. I cannot afford to rebuild a 2 tower directional array. I currently operate with 125 watts during the day. It covers my community very well, but as you know, I cannot be licensed at that power level. The FCC has been very patient with me over the years and I hope that continues when I request a renewal next month.

I understand that there is a rule change pending that would allow me to gain a full license once again. That change involves contour protection rules. If this rule is amended I could be fully licensed once again. It is my hope that this rule change can take place soon to allow me to continue to serve my community for years to come.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve my community for over 21 years. KEZM is the only station licensed to Sulphur that is actually in the city or serves the community.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and I hope this subject can be addressed soon by the FCC.

Sincerely,

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owner
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