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PUBLIC COMMENT

RE: Amendments of Parts 73 and 74 to Improve the LPFM Radio Service Technical Rules
Notice of Proposed Rule-making – MB Docket Nos. 19-193, 17-105

Before the FCC is consideration for modifications to the technical service of LPFM radio.

As you know, KPGC-LP has been on the air in Norman, Arkansas since January of 2017. KPGC has diligently focused on supporting the local community with programming, important announcements, and emergency alerts, much of which are not available elsewhere.

Norman is in the Ouachita National Forest, an area that is surrounded by mountainous terrain. There are many tourist destinations, and tourists are unfamiliar with potential local hazards like flash floods. They need our warnings. Many in this rural community may not learn of boil water orders, tornado alerts, or other emergencies except through our station. Hills and forests greatly separate local people in this area. As a precaution, first responders have asked the station to be prepared to make a rapid on-air response to evacuation orders in case of forest fires. We want the public to have as much warning as possible to avoid a catastrophe like the one in Paradise, CA.

KPGC has been conscientious about monitoring, logging and passing along required EAS alerts, including all National Periodic Tests with the online filings.

The goal is for KPGC to be able to serve our community as well as possible. We want to reach out to all local people and tourists in this area. A stronger signal would allow KPGC to be received in more homes and businesses, beyond forests and mountainous obstacles. This will result in increased warning and protection for those in our community and could result in many saved lives in case of emergencies.

An increase from 100W to 250W would provide the tiny boost needed to serve our community better. We would sincerely appreciate your help in making this possible.

Respectfully,
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