

Thunder 104.3 FM
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Regarding MB 18-184

My name is Grady Turner, and I am the owner and General Manager of WZTR 104.3 FM in Dahlonega, Georgia.

I am in full support of the MMTC and SSR Communications FM Class C4 / 73.215 proposal to allow eligible Zone II Class A station to upgrade in power from 6,000 Watts to 12,000 Watts.

We have been very active in our community with our community service and involvement with our schools and students we have won several awards for our station. However, it has been a struggle to survive in the economy with our limited reach. Many people can't even hear us in their houses and office just 5-7 miles away because of our limited power and the surrounding terrain. I am uncertain how much longer we can stay in business if we can't reach our audience very well. The ability of the internet to broadcast without fees and expenses we incur is also a important factor in our day to day survival. The increase in power for us would be the one thing that may help us and other small stations stay on the air. It is very difficult to compete when the really big stations and companies have all of the advantages.

Please implement the MB 18-184 proposal fully without delay.
Many small broadcasters need this relief.

Sincerely,
Grady Turner
WZTR 104.3 FM