

Hello, Dear FCC professionals;

Thank you for taking the time to read this:

Yes, indeed, it is imperative that the LPFM licensee's be given the 250 watt increase. This was originally proposed, and only temporarily tabled to see how many would apply for LP licenses. Since there was a lower amount of applicants than expected, that's all the more reason for the dedicated LP operators to be given a good chance to communicate with the public. As you fully know, it has been a LONG time coming that radio and the FCC at least take a stab at getting radio back to the local level it had always been intended, rather than the corporate dumbing down of local service that has taken place in the past few decades or longer. Yes, indeed, we FULLY intend to service our local communities, because that's what 250 watts will serve - the LOCAL communities. We're NEVER going to be the ones trying to serve a nearby metro area, and will NEVER forget about the only listeners we can cover - our community of license.

In our station's case, we have a cluster of tiny towns we cover, and had placed our transmitter site strategically in the center of all of them. We are WAY out in the country, and serve a very under-served rural population. This 250 watt teeny, tiny wattage increase will just be able to bolster our 60db coverage in the towns that will need us desperately in the event of a tornado, flood, or other disaster. We cover local news and events already for our teeny area, and put the voices of citizens on the air each and every day. The extra tiny wattage increase from 100 to 250 will have zero impact outside the area on the channel we're transmitting, but will serve well the local area.

Again, the original proposal, and rightly so, was to have the LP service be identical to that of translator stations; stations that serve very little purpose, because they're only a tiny link to an already large station that, once again, is likely not serving the local community, but trying to outstretch their reach elsewhere. We will ONLY be serving OUR communities with this tiny increase. Mostly this will help our signals penetrate buildings and underpasses. In the event of an emergency, it is very easy to use generator power to supply information to our listeners. Many, if not all, of the large stations haven't even got backup power in our area. And the ones that are 40 and 50 miles from here won't have any interest in serving our little towns during a crisis that may not even affect them.

We're counting on YOU, dear FCC, to provide for this effort to continue to keep local voices operating and serving ONLY local situations; the way radio had originally been intended, all the way back since 1934. Bless you all for your recent efforts in this broadcast localism, and we encourage you to continue moving forward with this. That would include opening a window, next, for LP translators, too, because even the LP translators would remain right in the local area. Thank you for taking the time to read this!

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