

Comments on Rulemaking 11749 by the REC Networks

I am the owner/operator of a small AM Station near a metropolitan area. As a community AM Broadcaster, I feel the REC Networks (RM 11749) is asking for more and more for LPFMs, and before we know it, they will be asking that LPFMs be allowed to be full Commercial Stations.

The AM Revitalization Rules that Commissioner Paj and Chairman Tom Wheeler have adopted really don't help AM stations like mine. My station is a "Class D", AM Daytimer with Low Power Nighttime Authorization that does not cover my community of license due to Class A Station that was once a Class 1-B Station on my assigned frequency, which is 730 miles from my transmitter site to their transmitter site. My station relies on revenue to stay on the air and serve the public. We AM Stations were here first, and vast majority of them are locally home owned and operated, not owned by corporations that are on Wall Street or a Smaller Corporations that owns all the stations in town and nearby small towns.

The main spokespeople for the LPFMs, the REC Networks, are going overboard with this rulemaking, helping LPFMs over stepping their boundaries by asking for more power. I feel it is absurd that the REC Networks ask for such of a request. To me, they are going to push and push to make LPFM Commercially Competitive against other Major FMs, AMs that have FM Translators, and really hurt, Small, Stand Alone AMs with no chance of having a FM Translator or any nighttime power increase owned by individuals, minorities, or families, like my facility.

My station has an application that has been granted a FM Translator at our tower site, but we are not the Licensee. The Licensee of this FM Translator "WAY Media, Inc." WAY Media is asking way too much money for the license for the FM Translator, more than it's worth, so it leaves me no option. I realize that's my problem, as I feel the investment of buying the FM Translator is a financial burden, putting me into debt that would be foolish. I am also an AM Activist and I believe the AM Band has suffered enough with competition, especially with the FCC to allow LPFMs to exist.

I am asking the Commission to dismiss the rulemaking proposed by the REC Networks to allow LPFMs a power increase to 250 watts. When the idea of LPFMs was proposed in the 1990s, it was to a nonprofit organization or school a chance for a non-commercial radio station and relieves the problem of pirate, low power broadcasters, with low power, causing interference. The LPFM applicants got what they wanted, so they should be grateful for what they have and stop trying to put small 250 to 1,000 Watt, Commercial AM Stations out of business. It is in my opinion that is part of the plan the REC Networks have in mind, and as I stated, we Community AM Stations were here first.

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