

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
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Improvements to the Low Power FM) RM No. 11749
(LPFM) Radio Service)
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To: The Commission

**COMMENTS
OF
THE GOOD NEWS CHURCH (WRMK-LP)**

The Good News Church (“Good News Church”), licensee of Low Power FM Radio Station WRMK-LP at Augusta, Georgia, by Counsel and pursuant to the *Public Notice Report No. 3022 (released May 15, 2015)*, hereby submits these Comments in support of the proposal filed by REC Networks for an increase in authorized operating power for certain LPFM radio stations.

When the Commission created the LPFM Radio Service in the Year 2000 it was decided that only 10-watt and 100-watt stations should be authorized so many more opportunities for LPFM radio stations could be created. See, *MM Docket No. 99-25, Report and Order FCC 00-19 (released January 27, 2009) at paras. 11 – 12*. However, the LPFM Radio Service is well established now, and in certain areas such as Augusta-Richmond County, Georgia there is ample spectrum to allow for such power increases.

WRMK-LP has been well received by the local community. The station is co-located with Good News Church at 400 Warren Road, Augusta, Georgia. The station's FM signal covers a radius of four to six miles around the transmitter location on Warren Road which allows WRMK to cover a majority of Augusta-Richmond County and parts of Columbia County, Georgia; as well as a small portion of Aiken County, South Carolina. WRMK broadcasts Bible teaching, leadership development and contemporary praise and worship music 24 hours a day in the Central Savannah River Area.

People love the lineup of ministers that WRMK airs daily. They enjoy Good News Church original programming. Our associate pastor Nate Barbour, Suzie Judd and Matthew Judd host daily programs on WRMK. People of all denominations enjoy the daily ministry format that we offer. They love that it is operated by a local group in Augusta. The main complaint we receive is that some people cannot get our programming at their house because the WRMK signal does not travel far enough. Some of our listeners also tell us that they lose the WRMK signal while driving through portions of the city of Augusta. A power increase for WRMK would certainly help alleviate these issues.

From an operating power standpoint, Good New Church believes that LPFM radio stations should at least be on equal footing with FM translator stations. Certain FM translator stations may be authorized for 250 watts ERP, yet these stations do not originate any programming. LPFM radio stations should be allowed the same maximum ERP of 250 watts, especially since LPFM radio stations are required to originate a substantial amount of local programming.

Based upon the foregoing, Good New Church respectfully requests the Commission to commence a more formal rule making proceeding to consider the merits of improving the LPFM Radio Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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