Brief Comment, In response to Michelle Bradley, REC Networks and the FCC:

I have no problems with LPFMs applying for FM Translators, as a matter of fact, I am for that idea, especially in the urban/city areas, but Class “D”, (not Class C) AM Stations should have first priority.

AM Radio Stations that are “Class D” Stations, like the one I own, only has 3 watts at night. If I got an FM Translator that I was only allowed to run 5 Watts on a 75 to 100 foot tower, I would be satisfied with just that! I don’t need a 250 Watt FM Translator to do help my nighttime problem! I want to help keep AM Radio, especially in small towns, that are Class D, Daytime Stations, alive and doing well.

Many of us small AM Daytime (Class D) single owner and operators, in small towns (not small markets) have what we call, flea power, under 10 watts at night.

Most of the “Class C” AM Stations are licensed for 1,000 Watts at Night, or a lower power because they have a taller tower/radiator, and the Class C Station must run a lower power to meet the field strength of 1,000 Watts at night. I have listened around the country to many Class C, AM Stations, and some of them covering their entire market or city of license at night! I feel that has not been fair to us Class D, small, local, AM Stations.

If Michelle Bradley of the REC Networks would pay attention to stations like mine and realize what we are limited to at night, then this would be “real revitalization” and not a debate between LPFMs and Class D AMs, which need the most help. I would love for Ms. Bradley of the REC Networks to see my station and my situation.

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