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Ken Kuenzie President of Viper Communications, Inc. with AM stations in Missouri and Florida, Comments as follows...

AM station owners could surrender their AM station in exchange for an FM translator that has been given Primary Status, even to the possibility of utilizing more power, say 1KW ERP or possibly allowing a Class A level. Example, If a showing can be made that a channel can be allocated within 25 miles of the City of license, the Licensee of the AM be given a preference to obtain the FM channel, without any penalty, for allowing the AM channel to be turned back to the FCC and off the air. That showing could show as it is with FM stations in the Non-Com band, based on Contour protections. A lot of these ideas are all being used in some form now, in various forms.