

Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

As Broadcast Licensee of WIBG AM & FM, we most respectfully suggest that AM Class D stations such as our WIBG 1020AM suffer from 'part time status' as a daytimer. As the leading regional station, we provided life saving emergency information during Superstorm Sandy 24 hours a day during the historic event. Many listeners depended on our AM station to provide them wall to wall coverage of shelters, emergency information and such. But there have been many instances of WIBG1020 delivering critical emergency information to Jersey Shore communities. With the increasing numbers of storms, why are we left without a radio station to service our communities of license. Certainly a 50,000 watt in Pittsburgh certainly will not provide that service to our contours.

We are a daytimer, and we protect a large Class A in Pittsburgh. That station does absolutely nothing to provide vital local coverage in South Jersey. We believe that Class D stations should be afforded the same coverage as the other regional AM stations in our area. We are the leading local news and information radio station in Ocean City-Somers Point, NJ and to be treated as second rate broadcast service is a disservice to our thousands of listeners.

Furthermore we see absolutely no purpose in reducing power for critical hours protection. We need every ounce of our 1900 watts to cover our cities of license, and at 680 watts, we do not provide city grade coverage. By its own rules, the FCC requires 60 dBu citygrade coverage

The FCC would be wise to salvage what is left of the decaying AM band by providing our station and all other day timers with full time authorization.

And while on the subject of Class D part time stations, why are we charged higher regulatory fees than fulltime regional stations? We believe that is discriminatory and economically unfair as we struggle to survive. Please, seriously consider these changes. We cannot survive much longer with a half-time radio station.

Respectfully submitted

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