

SW CO TV TRANSLATOR ASSOCIATION

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TO: Federal Communications Commission

RE: Docket RM-10666

OUR STANCE: **SUPPORT**

SW CO TV TRANSLATOR ASSOCIATION, (SCTTA) is a local government entity whose sole purpose and formation has been for the propagation of television through the use of translators. Being in a rural area not served by Full Power Broadcasters, translators have been our mainstay for television. The addition of DBS satellite has not decreased the need for our service, due to the cost associated with subscribing to DBS.

Over the years we have waited for windows with the FCC so that we could apply for licenses to serve our constituents. The task has at times taken a long time due to the number of applications that the FCC received during these windows. Many times the limit of five (5) Applications per window have slowed down the extension of broadcast signals to small communities within our area serviced. This coupled with more Networks coming on line, (WB, FOX, UPN, etc.) have severely handicapped our ability to provide a full array of the different networks to our constituents.

The proposal by the NATIONAL TRANSLATOR ASSOCIATION, (NTA) for an Amendment to Part 74 of the Commission's Rules, creating a Rural Translator Service has our full support. The restricted eligibility, the expedited processing of applications, and the fact that this proposal would reduce applications in regular LPTV/TRANSLATOR windows should be a slam-dunk for the FCC to accept.

With the upcoming problems associated with serving digital signals beyond the contours of the stations, this proposal should provide relief to serve homes in the rural areas.

We would urge the FCC to support this petition RM-10666 that has been presented by the NTA. The NTA has put much thought and study into this proposal and such action in the affirmative would be good for rural America.

Respectfully Submitted,

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