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Reply to Comments in RM-10666

In our community we have fought for the translators we have but have been unable to keep up with the big cities as new stations and new networks have come into being.

We certainly disagree with the premise of the IEEE Committee 801 that translators in rural areas is not the best use of the spectrum in our rural areas.

The committee members are no doubt affluent engineers who can well afford cable and/or satellite delivery. Not all of us are so well off. In our area many people are beyond the reach of cable and cannot afford satellite-to-home.

We find it hard to believe that if this group really understood our conditions they would oppose what we need.

We hope the FCC will ignore their ill informed comments.

The Community Broadcasters Association would have the Commission believe that local programming generated by an LPTV station is more practical and more important than providing a full measure of television programming which is available in big cities. We in Sevier County disagree.

When the LPTV service first came into being as an extension of the TV translator service there was widespread belief that many local TV stations would spring up in the areas served by translators. By and large this has not happened. Apparently either the economics are not favorable or the desire is not there. Thus the CBA arguments just do not reflect reality.

The FCC should not be misled by the CBA arguments because we really do need a better way to get translator licenses.

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