

September 18, 2014

Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC

Comment in support of Rulemaking **RM-11727**

I am Joseph Episcopo, Owner of KEPL-FM CP. I support the FM Class C4 / 73.215 petition filed by SSR Communications and urge the Commission to adopt the proposal.

I believe that this change to the rules will allow small broadcasters to become financially solvent in situations where they compete with larger broadcasters for advertising dollars. Currently the class A broadcaster is at a severe disadvantage when competing with higher class FM stations for this revenue stream.

Furthermore the increase in power will provide a stronger and more reliable signal to the primary service area which would be beneficial for the broadcast of emergency alerts and other important announcements to those in the outer edge of the service area or in other marginal areas within their contour.

In addition I disagree with the argument that translator service will be harmed by the adoption of RM-11727. Translator service should be secondary to the primary signal broadcast by a competing station and not an instrument to allow higher class stations to extend their already extended reach. Translator used for filling in marginal signal areas due to terrain or other issues in their primary protected service area will not be affected by adoption of RM-11727.

Sincerely

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Joseph Episcopo