Before the

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20554

In the matter of:) RM-9242
)
Amendment of FCC Rules Part 15)
Low Power AM Radio Broadcast Stations)

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

Trident Media and Broadcasting, Ltd. (hereinafter PETITIONER), an Illinois corporation, respectfully requests the Commission to amend its Rules concerning Low Power AM Radio Broadcast Stations (hereinafter LPAM STATIONS) authorized under FCC Rules Part 15 to allow such stations which operate in the expanded AM band to utilize transmitter output power of ten (10) watts during daylight hours and one (1) watt during the hours from sunset to sunrise in cases where said LPAM STATIONS receive objectionable interference from full-service co-channel stations, provided that the transmitter site of the affected LPAM STATION is located at least two hundred fifty (250) miles from the transmitter site of the full-service station, and that the LPAM STATION would not cause unlawful interference to the full-service station.

In support of this, the following is stated:

A. LPAM STATIONS are an excellent local media outlet, particularly in geographical areas which are unserved or

underserved by full-service media outlets, and

B. Interference received from distant full-service stations is extremely detrimental to LPAM STATIONS and to the broadcasting service that they provide to their local areas, and

C. Greater flexibility with such LPAM STATIONS would breed and justify greater interest in said LPAM STATIONS by entrepreneurs, possibly shifting their interests to the AM band and eliminating concerns of overcrowding of the FM band in the event that LPFM services are established.

It is further proposed, with all due respect, that Radio Station WXMX, a LPAM STATION owned and operated by PETITIONER, and operating within the confines of FCC Rules Part 15 with a transmitter output power of one hundred (100) milliwatts and a transmitting antenna no longer than ten (10) feet, and broadcasting on a frequency of 1620 kilohertz from West Frankfort, Illinois, and being in compliance with all criteria in this proposal, be granted special authority to commence utilization of transmitter output power as set forth in this proposal for experimental purposes in determining the feasibility of this proposal.

For the reasons aforementioned, PETITIONER respectfully requests the Commission to take appropriate action and to grant the authorizations proposed herein.

Respectfully Submitted,

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