

I started radio announcing in 1981 at the age of 17. It has always been my dream to own my own station. Not in a major market, nor even medium market...but in my hometown of about 10,000 people. I want to specialize in community information and local "news". Being geographically just 30 miles from Tulsa, Claremore rarely gets the media attention it deserves.

The town is a victim of "The Arizona Waiver". The Tulsa market is replete with stations from as far away as 70 statute miles. I know because I freelance as air talent for one of them!

In 1985 - 1987, as Chief Operating Engineer and P.D. of now defunct AM1270 KWPR-Claremore, I dreamed of one day owning and growing the station to profitability. But in a too-long-to-go-into-here story of legal battles and receiverships, the station was bought by persons NOT concerned with serving the local market rather trying to tap TULSA's perceived riches...and it failed.

The station has been resurrected once again, recently, this time Arizona Waivered by an outfit in Oklahoma City (100+ miles away!), who simulcast OKC based programs & sports feeds. SAD, VERY SAD.

But, should the Commission approve LPFM, this sad state of affairs could be turned around. I desperately wish to fulfill my dream of serving the Will Rogers Metroplex (Rogers County, OK ) with the quality,