



National Translators Association 2017 Presentation

NTA Radio Forum Translators, LPFM and The Future

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The Future of FM Translators Revitalization of the AM Radio Service Docket MB 13-249

- Supported the Proposed AM Translator Filing Window
- FM Translator Limited to the AM station's 2 mV/m contour with up to 25 percent of coverage outside the 2 mV/m contour.
- Or a 25 mile radius from the AM station's primary transmitter.
- Proposed revisions to the filing procedures
- AM Translator Filing Window?

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■ Broadcast Stations (March, 2017)

AM stations – 4666

FM commercial stations – 6754

FM educational stations – 4112

TOTAL 15,532

FM translator and booster stations –
7453

Low-power FM stations – 1924

■ **Grand total: 24,909**

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Single Frequency Networks and FM Translators

- Multiple Transmitters Synchronized to Cover a Common Area
- Provides and Improves Coverage
- More Efficient Spectrum Utilization
- Self Interference Issues

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NRSC – Radio Broadcast Data Services Working Group

- Plans to Establish and Standardize PI code assignment for translators
- Provides and Improves Coverage
- Looking to Issue RDS2 Standard by 2017

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FCC Enforcement Bureau

- Plans to Consolidate 24 Field Office to 8 Field Offices
- Plans to Reduce Field Staff from 67 to 33 Agents or Less
- Field Offices at Current Staffing Levels are not Effective at Enforcing Interference Policies

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FCC Proposed Rule Changes

RM-11786 and 11787

- Protects Translators from Interference Complaints
- Establishes Rules for Interference Complaints

Modernization of Media

- Establishes New Rules to Modernize the Broadcast Industry
- Replaces Obsolete Rules

FM Chips Enabled in Cellphones

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