

Call Sign: WFBM-LP 100.1MHz
Locations: Beaver Springs, PA
Facility ID: 133885

Proposed Divestiture of our LPFM interest:

Since Beaver Springs Faith Baptist Church, Inc holds a License to a low power FM radio station and is applying for three construction permits for the reserved NCE FM band, we wish to propose a divestiture of our Low Power FM interest for these applications. FCC Rules Title 47, Part 73.860(a) state that we can not hold a LPFM license with attributable interest in any other non-LPFM broadcast station. We wish to request a waiver for a 30 day period where our LPFM station and once granted, two CP's for Class A FM NCE stations may broadcast together in order to cover the same places where we have donating listeners located. The 30 days are requested to be on the air at the same time in order for our listening audience to migrate over to the NCE CP frequencies by announcing on the LPFM to change frequency. Also, since the proposed channel 213, Beaver Springs is directional to the west, we will not be able to cover to the east without the additional NCE channel 204, Selinsgrove as our current LPFM coverage area. Therefore we seek a 30 day waiver to broadcast on the two NCE stations before turning off the LPFM station so our main source of funding from our listener base have time to move to the new frequencies. We do not want to turn off our LPFM without having other coverage to maintain our listening base source of funding. The 30 day count down would start on the day we commence testing on the NCE, in this case, we would test both NCE stations and go into fulltime broadcasting within the 30 days so the listeners would have a frequency to change to. After the 30 days has elapsed since we started testing, we will turn off WFBM-LP 100.1 and return the LPFM license to the FCC.

However, if the FCC wishes not to grant a waiver, when we would still agree to the current rules set forth for Title 47, Part 73.680(a) for low power FM and divest our interest in our station before granting us the NCE construction permits. We hope that this will not be the case, especially since most of our funding comes from our listeners. Without a station, listeners may not continue to provide funds. Finally, we would hope for open communications between us and the FCC in order to minimize the time between the turn off of the LPFM to the time of the NCE to be turned on.