Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of
Amendment of Section 73.207, 73.210, 73.211, 73.215, and 73.3573 of the Commission’s Rules related to the Minimum Distance Separation Between Stations, Station Classes, Power and Antenna Height Requirements, Contour Protection for Short Space FM Assignments, and Processing FM Broadcast Station Applications

RM-11727

To The Commission:

COMMENTS OF THE MINORITY MEDIA AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL

The Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (“MMTC”) submits these comments in response to the Public Notice released July 18, 2014,1 to continue to express its support of the SSR Communications, Inc. proposal to create a new FM “C4” category of stations.2

MMTC urges the Commission to continue to improve its broadcast rules to increase spectrum efficiency, quality of service, and competition. MMTC has long advocated for greater participation by small and minority-and-women owned business enterprises (MWBEs) throughout the regulated industries.3 The Commission’s Advisory Committee on Diversity

1 See Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Reference Information Center Petition for Rulemaking Filed, Public Notice (July 18, 2014) (“Public Notice”).
3 MMTC’s mission is “dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity and civil rights in the mass media, telecommunications, and broadband industries. MMTC is the leading
submitted a recommendation to create a class of medium power FM stations, a proposition supported by the Diversity and Competition Supporters in the 2010 Quadrennial Review proceeding. In its petition, SSR advances its goals as a logical extension of this Diversity Committee’s recommendation to increase spectrum efficiency and benefit Class A stations, including those owned by minority broadcasters. Increasing opportunities for these stations to expand their coverage areas to connect with a broader audience could help small and minority-owned stations gain access to capital and strengthen their foothold in the broadcasting arena.

In alignment with our mission to preserve and expand minority ownership, MMTC continues to urge the Commission to adopt this proposal to improve spectrum efficiency while providing greater opportunities for small and minority entrepreneurs in broadcasting.

advocate for minority participation in the communications industries. We seek to preserve and expand minority ownership and equal employment opportunity in these industries and to close the digital divide.”


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