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Mr. Mulvey,

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S. Mulvey (vosque@spiral.whitehaus.com) writes:

There is currently a rulemaking proposal to licence microbroadcasters. I feel that this is a step in the right direction, but I feel that there are better ways to go about it.

NO licensing of any sort, just like CB radio and cellular telephone. Why have a limited number of licenses available? This just creates a scenario like the one we have now with commercial broadcasting, where frequency allocations---they're public property, after all---are bought and sold like stocks. The goal of any micropower broadcasting service should be to open the airwaves to anyone, not just the lucky and well-connected.

NO minimum operating schedules or other programming restrictions. Again, what is the point of simply imitating commercial broadcasters?

All operations would be on a strictly non-interference basis to licensed broadcasters, and must take place on frequencies where there are no licensed broadcasters within a 50 mile radius. This would minimize the whining and objections of commercial broadcasters.

On AM, any frequency from 530 to 1700 kHz could be used with one watt of output power from the transmitter. The antenna, not counting the feedline, would have a maximum length/height of 50 feet.

On FM, any frequency from 88 to 108 MHz could be used with ten watts of output power from the transmitter. The antenna could be installed no more than 50 feet above the ground (such as on a tower or pole) or installed no more than 20 feet above an existing building or other structure (like on a roof top). Since I expect FM microcasting to be extremely popular, this would be enough power/antenna to allow everyone to have a good chance to be heard while keeping interference down to a manageable level.

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