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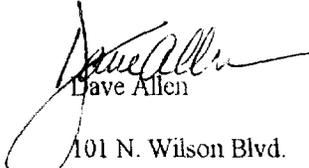
To Whom It May Concern:

The Commission has before it several proposals that may be a factor in determining a new type of Low Power FM service for allocation. My concerns about this matter stem from years of frustration trying to locate a vacant frequency or even to purchase an FM station at a reasonable price. The problem with purchasing a station is that most stations have or are selling to the highest bidders and now the prices have been driven up so high, that first time buyers are no longer contenders. Only those who have a radio station that can carry the purchase of a second station are contenders. The only way for me to be a station owner, is to be a multi-millionaire, or for the FCC to allocate a new LPFM.

There are several class A's on the band that are just a few Kilometers of being fully spaced to other existing stations. I feel that another class, based on interference study's is the way to go. I don't think that creating a micro-watt radio station is a way for my voice to be heard in my community. It will not cover my community. It is like being penalized. If that is all I can find, then there is nothing anyone can do. But if I can go as high as 3 Kilowatts without interfering with another frequency, I should have that right. I should be able to have as much wattage as I can, according to an interference study, up to 3kw and 328 feet without affecting anyone else on the dial. If that is 1 watt, then so be it. Currently, the rules won't allow me to put a new, slightly lower power Class A on the air. It has to be a fully spaced Class A. Another Class up to 3KW that would not interfere with other stations, would allow my voice to be heard, and allow me the chance to be a legitimate broadcaster in the eyes of my community and other broadcasters.

The Commission would have to regulate this new Class of stations, so they don't fall out of the communities hands. I feel The FCC should not allow anyone who lives outside a fifty mile radius of the community of License, to own a frequency in this particular "New Class". This may even allow me to own two or three frequencies, but not outside the Fifty mile radius. Most of the other rules and regulations should apply, just as they do for other broadcasters. This puts the "New Class" of frequencies, on a near level playing field. I also feel that the "New Class" should be able to be bought and sold according to the FCC's rules, within the Community.

Thank you for your time, and I hope that you take my opinions into consideration while deciding on this matter of LPFM's.

  
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