

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of
Proposal for Creation of the Low Power FM
(LPFM) Broadcast Service

FCC RM-9242

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Comments of David Herman

I recently became aware of the above-referenced proposal to create a new class of FM radio broadcast service. I am very interested in seeing this proposal put into effect because I live in a rural valley town where there is only one public radio station, two Christian stations, and one commercial country station; I would like more choices, but our small town can't afford to support another radio station the way things are now.

The FCC should accept RM-9242 so that small towns like Paonia can afford to have their own community radio stations and so that small communities within large towns can afford to have a voice. In addition, allowing groups with limited financial resources to broadcast their own radio signals would ease the pressure on larger stations as they try to cover all the bases.

The lost dog reports, "little" news stories, children who want to sing on the air, local "closed roads" reports, and other such things which do not need to be broadcast 50 miles away could be better handled by a small low-power station. There is a need for this type of service, but with a typical station costing around \$150,000 to start up, there is no way that a community like ours (with about 1200 people) could ever afford to raise the cash and start a new station. The RM-9242 proposal would grant this ability to our community and hundreds (or thousands) of others like us.

Please approve the Proposal for Creation of the Low Power FM (LPFM) Broadcast Service (FCC RM-9242).

Sincerely,

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