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To the FCC Commissioners

Reply comments to file numbers RM 9208 and RM 9242

Please put WRDN down as being opposed to the allowance of low power station to begin broadcast operations in any communities. There is one aspect of radio listeners that will be denied the voices they rely on for their daily COMPANIONSHIP. Hundreds of shut ins and elderly people with limted access to getting out and away from their homes rely very heavily on their local radio announcers to be the freindly voice in their homes and in their lives. With low power stations causing interference, that freindly voice may not be able to be heard. That voice has immeasurable value to hundreds of senior citizens in homes and nursing homes all over America. Say no to the low power "pirates" and yes to radios important role of companionship.

Sincerely

Gene Kirchner

Gene Kirchner
General Manager
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KELP RADIO

AM 1590

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Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: FCC FILE NOS RM-9208 AND RM-9742 9242 [redacted]

I am writing to oppose the possibility of the commission ruling in favor of allowing new , low-power stations to flood our local markets. I stand with many other broadcasters locally and nationally that would be affected by this for the following reasons:

1. Locally there is already an influx of interference from unknown sources which blocks our clear signal. The addition of more low- power stations would add to what is already a problem;

2. As an independent broadcaster, I have aired programs and provided services that are essential to maintaining good community service. During the services they provide. We also host a medical talk program whereby listeners call in with their medical questions and can have them answered by a licensed doctor. We are also in tune with the needs of the aged, and air an informative program dealing with mid-life issues. We are civic minded also, and allow organizations air time to discuss their upcoming events.

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With all the *free* air-time that is provided to insure that the local community is serviced, I don't agree with the commission that their plan to add more low-power stations will provide any more of a service than what I and many other local and national broadcasters are providing already. Therefore, I am asking that the FCC not allow an influx of these proposed low-power stations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Arnold McClatchey

Arnold McClatchey
Owner

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Re: File #RM-9208 & RM 9242.

FCC Comments:

I am writing today to express my extreme concern regarding the commission's proposed action to allow more low power stations. I own and operate 2 FM stations and 1 AM station in rural communities in Washington State.

I seriously challenge the concept that low power stations are necessary to better serve communities. I know of a half dozen stations (KOMW AM & FM, KOZI AM & FM, KVLR FM, KCVL....) in my area alone that work very hard to provide the kind of coverage that communities need. These stations and many others provide great coverage of local events, hours of free air time on local shows on local issues, free air time in interviews for local and regional political candidates, live election night coverage, local sports events, local issues forums and local call in shows for buy sell and trade of personal items and discussions of important or interesting topics. These stations count on the wisdom and representation of FCC commissioners to help them be able to operate in an already *VERY* competitive marketplace.

This action will result in very uneven competitive pressures on existing stations unless these new stations are required to follow the same very expensive engineering and licensing regulations that impact other broadcasters. We operate in much the same markets as these low power stations (I have at least 4 unlicensed pirates in my coverage area). ANY inequity in regulation will create unfair advantages for the lower power operators. I know of numerous stations that will be impacted very negatively by low power if it does not carry the same expensive requirements as conventional broadcasting because many stations operate in very small markets. Small markets mean small advertising budgets that dictate low radio advertising rates for broadcasters. If low power is going to mean cheaper regulatory requirements then that amounts to an uneven playing field in the market place in which we must make our living. More to the point:

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1. No translators should be allowed period, for low power broadcasters. If translators are allowed, the lower stations will be able to chain them together to produce a coverage area similar to higher power, very expensive conventional stations.
2. EAS compliance should be required. If these low power stations are in reality going to better serve their communities then they should be required to serve them with emergency information as well.
3. All spectrum use fees, licensing fees, monitoring requirements etc should apply to low power as it does under existing licenses.
4. Any new station must meet the same rigid interference requirements in place now.

My experience with pirate broadcasters has been a very negative one. These illegal broadcasters have attacked me on the air personally and professionally. I have no belief that their actions should have earned them the opportunity to occupy the airwaves. If I chose to operate in the same manner, I am sure my license(s) would be in jeopardy. For the reasons I have stated here I strenuously oppose the FCC's proposed action in regard to low power broadcasters.

Sincerely,

John P. Andrist
Owner
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In Re: RM-9208
RM 9242

Gentlepersons:

The radio stations shown on the letterhead are all small market stations in communities that could be doubly hurt by the opening up of "community low power stations" as proposed.

These stations have been on the air for many years, and have tried to serve their hometowns, and in turn to be supported by the communities by listenership and sponsorship of the local events carried on the air.

Typically, a smaller community would have many more "open channels" on which these community stations could be put, compared to a larger city where the dial is already full.

Too, small stations need to reach out farther for listeners, since they are sparse in many areas, and the filling of the dial with secondary services could harm the small "regular" stations.

Finally, small stations have managed to adjust to the large increase in stations brought about by Docket 80-90. Because cities already had full complements of stations each 800 KHz up the dial, practically all of the assignments created by 80-90 fell into smaller towns and this had a dramatic impact on reducing the income of the typical single station market "old-timer". Sadly, there were not that many "new dollars" created by the arrival of new stations, which meant the sharing of revenue by old and new, and skeleton staffs in many situations.

Especially unfair would be the impact on AM daytime and Class C (formerly Class IV) stations, as it relates to night service. Hundreds of these stations attempt to serve their communities with very low power and extremely limited coverage. To allow a "community FM" to go on the air with a service that could be received clearly for 10-15 miles would be devastating to efforts by these AM stations to serve their communities, when interference and low power limit their coverage.

We urge the Commission to proceed very slowly in overturning the rather delicate existence of small market radio stations in this country.

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Respectfully,

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Reference: FCC File No's. RM-9208 and RM-9242

Dear Sirs:

As a small market broadcaster I want to express my dismay, concern, and opposition to the various proposals being considered for low power radio stations.

It was not long ago when my company, on the verge of financial disaster due to the plethora of docket 80-90 radio stations, was forced to borrow literally millions of dollars to keep operating. Eventually, thanks to the telecom act and the ability to consolidate some of the surplus stations, we have begun to recover financially.

While we are making some progress, the prospect of round two of station overflow is an overwhelmingly negative concept. Most markets to this day have stations that are barely financially viable, and these stations most certainly would fail in the wake of even more signals.

Perhaps I am under a misconception, but I thought that a significant mission of the FCC was to protect the technical integrity of existing service to the public. With the industry apparently on the verge of technical change with IBOC technology, how could this possibly be anything but an incredible technical complication?

Does the commission have no memory of the devastating affects of docket 80-90? Please understand that most radio broadcasters are still small owned operators who are not financially able to handle yet another FCC created disaster.

Most small broadcasters appreciate the commissions quest for diversity and community service, and most of us strive hard to promote and encourage that diversity and service. What we need is your help and encouragement to do even better. What we don't need are hundreds of new stations with the inherent interference and financial complication which would be inevitable.

Thank you for your consideration of my views on this issue.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Shott

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President/CEO

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RE: FCC File numbers RM-9208 and RM-9242

To Whom It May Concern;

There is a pirate operating in the Portland Maine market at the frequency 97.3. It's power fluctuates but generally it's operating at 1 watt. It broadcasts 80's music. It can interfere with two local stations at 96.9 and 97.9. These stations are not part of our group but what affects the marketplace affects all of us.

The 6 stations in our group do various things for community groups:

WMGX Feed the Hungry Food Drive, collected and delivered non-perishable food items for the Good Shepherd Food Bank and other local food banks.

WMGX Christmas Wish - Delivering Holiday Joy to young and old with presents, putting up Christmas trees, Free time for busy moms and whatever's needed to make the holiday's happy.

WPORAM/FM Christmas is For Kids - a holiday party and presents for the kids who normally fall through the human services cracks.

WGAN Ice Storm 98 - stayed live on the air for 18 hours to help listeners who's only informational source was a battery operated radio.

ALL OUR STATIONS: Beat the Drum and Bring out the troops for the Red Cross Blood Drives, United Way, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and other local charitable and community organizations.

We are the second most densely radio'd market in the nation next to Honolulu and yet we are a 100+ market. More signals are not needed. All the local radio stations reach out to their communities. Our listeners are our business, our neighbors, and our friends.

Please keep our airwaves uncluttered.

Sincerely,

Robert J Gold

Robert J. Gold
VP/General Manager

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RE: FCC File nos. RM-9208 and RM-9242

Please place us on record as being against the proliferation of low-power radio stations. We oppose this.

Sincerely,

Tom Gentry
General Manager
WHVN/WAVO/WNMX Radio Stations

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WEAM Columbus, GA	WNAP Philadelphia, PA	WYZE Atlanta, GA	WAVO Rock Hill, SC	WRIP Lake City, SC