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RE: Agenda item #8, Open Commission Meeting on 1/28/99

I am writing in support of the agenda item to create a low power radio service (RM's-9208 and 9242).

Opening low-power radio frequencies for local use would encourage participation by people of all backgrounds. This would ensure that all voices could be heard on the radio. Currently, only people with millions of dollars can afford to buy a radio station, leaving the future of radio in the hands of the very rich.
Since they are a small, elite percentage of the population, they do not necessarily represent the viewpoints or the best interests of the general public.

To encourage a range of opinions and information, radio needs to be within the economic grasp of more people. This would make our media more democratic, since more people could get involved.

Please open low-power radio frequencies for local use!

Thank you,

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