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From: Greg Ruggiero <gregruggiero@earthlink.net>
To: K1DOM.K1PO1(JBARNES)
Date: Wed, Feb 3, 1999 3:20 AM
Subject: "Your comment has been printed and forwarded for association with Docket 99-25."

Dear JBARNES, thanks for your message that read:
"Your comment has been printed and forwarded for association with Docket 99-25." Regarding my recent posting to the IAJ listserve.

I would much prefer that you print and forward the version below, which has far fewer typos, and bears the additional signature of Robert W. McChesney.

Thank you.

Greg Ruggiero
212. 942. 8899

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From:
Microradio Empowerment Coalition Steering Committee
Greg Ruggiero Peter Franck Diane Fleming Sara Zia Ebrahimi

Honorary Chair
Robert W. McChesney

To: Media & Democracy Activists

Today, Thursday, January 28 , 1999, at its monthly public meeting the FCC is expected to take the first formal step to lift its 21 year ban on micro radio broadcasting: in its terms, to institute a new low power radio service.

At this much awaited meeting --which will be broadcast live over the Internet (1)-- it will release a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) outlining number of different ways it might structure such a service and seeking public comment. Following the meeting the public will have a brief period probably 60 to 90 days to file preferences and comments on the NPRM. If the proposal isn't thwarted by industry opposition, the FCC could move to fully legalize micro within one year.

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What exactly will be legalized and how, is yet to be seen. For example, whether it's commercial or non commercial, whether it's transient or designed to endure through the shirt to digital, whether it's easy or not to apply for a license--these issues and others are very much up for grabs, and media & democracy activists still have every opportunity to influence any final outcome. This is one of those relatively rare times when a government agency creates an opening, and activism has a chance to make real difference in the process.

Obviously, we have every reason to expect that the new licensing scheme will have aspects that will outrage public interest advocates. For this reason, we need to organize pro-actively, and pressure the FCC for strong *non-commercial* regulation of microradio. The Microradio Empowerment Coalition has formed to take on precisely this task. (2)

How the radio spectrum will actually look one year from now is difficult to predict. Many forces are at play in the legalization process: the FCC grappling for public support after being demonized by the microradio movement, the NAB obstructing all efforts to legalize, non-profit groups like Media Access Project giving the FCC so called "public interest" support for a pro-commercial model, and the movement keeping the pressure on HIGH for a non-commercial victory.

We believe that a non-commercial, locally owned and operated microradio service is the *only* way for the remaining slivers of available radio spectrum to be regulated in "the public interest, convenience, and necessity" --the Federal government's original promise to American citizens when founding the FCC in 1934. With so much of our media overwhelmingly dominated by the private interests of commercialism, it would be offensively undemocratic to fill the remaining cracks in the radio spectrum with the advertising and commercials that"microbusiness" stations will dump on local audiences.

We believe that the airwaves--a vast but limited public treasure--should be treated like other public treasures--parks, libraries, and schools--which are genuinely regulated in the public and not the private interest. In legalizing micro, we urge the FCC to award licenses with the same definition of "public interest" that other branches of the government regulate libraries, parks and schools. They should view low power as the public commons of the 21st century. Not as private property.

Free media activists are deeply concerned with FCC Chairman Kennard's view of microradio as an opportunity for small scale commercialism. If microradio is seen as microbusiness, that is, if they are awarded as commercial licenses, under the Telecom Act of 1996, they new micro licenses would have to be auctioned off to the highest bidder, which will bring a miserable loss for community groups who have no resources with which to compete. For this reason, it is of crucial importance that activists and organizers take up the position for *non-commercial*legalization of microradio.

The success scored by the microradio movement's civil disobedience tactics will not be admitted by power. This despite President Clinton's celebration of Rosa Parks at his State of the Union Address last Tuesday (3), and Chairman Kennard's evocation of Martin Luther King Jr's letter from the Birmington jail last Monday (4).

Ending the 21 year ban on community access to the airwaves will score a genuine victory for media & democracy activists and the hundreds of movement organizers who, like Rosa Parks and King, have drawn from the power of civil disobedience to win change from the grassroots. The NAB represent a formidable force obstructing democratization. We need more people to stand behind a *non-commercial* interpretation of "public interest" and wage coalition pressure to win licenses for community groups.

Winning non-commercial microradio will be a massive victory for media & democracy activism, and for the thousands of communities around the country who want to create their own media and tell their own stories.

Free Airwaves in '99,

Sara Zia Ebrahimi Diane Fleming Peter Franck Robert W. McChesney
Greg Ruggiero

Footnotes
(1) See <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio
for a live broadcast of today's FCC's meeting over Real Audio. The broadcast begins at 9:30 am eastern standard time on 1/28/99.

2) See http://www.nlgcdc.org
for information about the Microradio Empowerment Coalition)

3) See:<http://www.cspan.org/guide/executive/sou99.asp

(4) See: <http://www.fcc.gov/Speeches/Kennard/spwek902.html

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From: "Howard R. Sloan" <HowardSloan@compuserve.com>
To: William Kennard <wkennard@fcc.gov>
Date: Tue, Feb 2, 1999 1:40 PM
Subject: Our Concerns

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Mr. William E. Kennard
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Kennard:

We read with considerable concern the article in the Friday, January 29, 1999 issue of the New York Times regarding your plan to open the FM band to a large number of low-power radio stations. Let me begin by saying that my wife and I own no stock in any network or radio station, with the possible exception of stock that may be held in one of my various retirement accounts. Furthermore, we wholeheartedly support the concept of adding additional (and even a large number of additional) low-power FM stations to increase the number of stations and the breadth of information and services that they could, and probably would, supply to the public. Nonetheless, we have several serious concerns regarding the plan.

The basis for my concerns is quite straightforward. During the week, we live in New York City - in Manhattan to be precise. However, we spend many weekends and holidays at our home in Putnam County, approximately 45 miles due north of New York City. It is our experience that at that home, and along the road leading to that home, we are barely able to pick up a good signal from radio station WNYC, 93.9 on the FM dial. As you may know, WNYC is the primary National Public Radio outlet for Metropolitan New York City. Regrettably, even in New York City, we have very few quality stations - AM or FM. The vast bulk of the radio stations broadcast nonstop rock and roll music. My concern is that with a large number of low-power FM stations along the way (or along the path or whatever you call it) that we will not be able to receive the WNYC FM signal at all. At best, we will probably receive a markedly degraded signal, one that would be totally unacceptable for the reception of both classical music as well as the news and information programming that the station carries. Even now, we receive only a mediocre signal on WNYC FM, presumably because the signal bounces off the Palisades, the set of hills in New Jersey that lie along the western shore of the Hudson. We are therefore also concerned about the effect that a host of low-power FM stations would have on the WNYC signal that we receive in Manhattan. We are also suspicious that the vast bulk of thes new stations will only serve as additional outlets for mediocre and noisy music.

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For these reasons, we would make the following suggestion regarding the granting of low-power FM stations. Specifically, we suggest that you make certain that licenses are not granted to any low-power FM stations whose frequencies would conflict with those established FM stations that broadcast any type of distinctive programming, such as National Public Radio, classical music, jazz, folk music, special public information (e.g.,

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CSPAN radio), etc. There will be no perceptible loss to the public if they are able to hear a few less rock and roll stations. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to achieve this laudable goal by simply blocking out the very low end of the FM band where most public broadcasting stations are located. The reason this approach will not work is that in some cities, such as in New York City, the public broadcasting station(s) is/are not located between 86 and 90 on the dial.

As long as I am writing to you, I would like to express another of our concerns and make another suggestion. We believe that the policy of allowing what we believe are called "clear channel" stations is seriously outdated. Because of this policy, we are not able to receive the WNYC AM signal very far outside of New York City during the evening-night hours. Indeed, my sister who lives in Mamaroneck, New York, only sixteen air mile from our Manhattan apartment, cannot receive it at all. The AM station is positioned at 820 on the dial; I believe that is the location of a clear channel station in Dallas, Texas. We believe that it is time for the FCC to revisit its policy regarding clear channel stations. We assume that in the remote past there was a reasonable justification for this policy, but that time has long since passed.

We look forward to receiving your response and trust that you will take my concerns (and those of many people who have the same or similar concerns) into consideration before your new policy is put into effect. We want to be assured that in your effort to achieve the laudable goal of making more broadcasting available to the public that you are not choosing a solution that at present seems simple but that will in the long run be detrimental to the general public welfare.

We would appreciate receiving your comments regarding my concerns, with regard to both the AM and the FM stations.

Sincerely yours,

Howard R. Sloan, M.D., Ph.D.

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From: Samuel Terrero <sterrero@sklc.uswest.net>
To: K1DOM.K1PO1(BKENNARD)
Date: Tue, Feb 2, 1999 1:14 AM
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Samuel Terrero (sterrero@sklc.uswest.net) writes:

Mr Kennard

As a minority I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you for all the changes you had done to this branch of goverment, now with the idea of low power FM statiion I thing I can get my chance in orden to help my comunity, I am a hispanich in the Salt lake Utah area and have interest in own a FM radio Station, but, big Company with so much money to pay for them, we as a minirity have very little chance, hope the low power FM Radio can be easy for us.
My comunity need one, and since I was a little kid alway have the dream to have one, now I am in this country, I only hoppe my dream can come true.

Question.
AM low power Statio need a license?, if no, give me some more information how can I put my own on the air.

Thank you and keep the good work you doing, minority population in this country need you.

Samuel Terrero
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Bountiful, Utah 84011

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To: K1DOM.K1PO1(FCCINFO)
Date: Thu, Jan 28, 1999 11:43 AM
Subject: ?

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God Bless You All :
I hope it Continues on this Path.

Dear Chairman Kennard:
Dear Commissioners:

I Want to say Thank You for putting LPFM on your agenda for the 28TH. meeting.

LPFM Service is very important,to Olga and My Self,to give us the opportunity,to Teach and Play the Real Music of the 1950's sung by Black Teenage Boys and Girls,this music led to the evolution of Rock N Roll,our motive for our station is Non-Profit,just to keep Alive a Music Art Form,and a Music Culture,Which is a part of American Heritage.

I thank you for your Courage,to Support what is Correct,and not to fold under the Pressure of the NAB and our Elected Officals,who's main agenda is Financial Wealth,and Power.

Thank You
Sincerly all of the FCC

Joseph and Olga D'Alessandro
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From: jean-marie hegarty <jmh@sopris.net>
To: K1DOM.K1PO1(FCCINFO)
Date: Thu, Jan 28, 1999 9:25 AM
Subject: lottery

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To Whom It May Concern,
I wish to express my great concern over the possiblity of the FCC adopting a lottery system to award radio frequency licenses. I live in a small town in rural Colorado. The 2 community radio stations here have been battling a frequency take over from a larger corporation for the last two years. If this large public radio corporation is allowed a license in this area it will severly limit the ability of these 2 smaller stations to continue to reach the community they have been serving for the last 19 years! To not consider the ramifications of that decision would be devastating to this community. A lottery system would do just that. So I urge the powers that be to resist the easy road of a lottery system, and continue to award licenses by merit not by luck of the draw.

Thank You
Jean-Marie Hegarty
25 Nub St
Marble, Colorado

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From: Eileen Wysocki <EWysocki@HolyCross.com>
To: "'fccinfo@fcc.gov'" <fccinfo@fcc.gov>
Date: Thu, Jan 28, 1999 12:40 AM
Subject: Lottery System for License Applications

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I am writing regarding the process by which the FCC awards broadcast licenses. Although Congress has directed the FCC to reduce its backlog of applications in a cost-effective manner, I believe the FCC should maintain the process of comparative hearings. This allows each entity to be judged by its merits which are reflected in the current criteria established by the FCC. KDNK is a COMMUNITY, public radio station. The diverse community of the Roaring Fork Valley (where KDNK operates), is reflected in KDNK's programming. By adopting a lottery system, an outside entity stands to take control of community airwaves without an understanding of the nature of the community in which it operates.
KDNK has been broadcasting for 16 years; every year its membership grows and evolves as does the community it mirrors. By maintaining the process of comparative hearings, stations like KDNK will continue to be established everywhere, and be awarded licenses based on their value to the communities they will serve.
Please do the right thing.
Sincerely,
Eileen Wysocki
KDNK Listener, New Castle, CO

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From: Ryan Pierce <mastasparkle@yahoo.com>
To: K1DOM.K1PO1(FCCINFO)
Date: Fri, Jan 29, 1999 4:58 AM
Subject: Loosening of MicroPower Radio Laws

I think it is great that the FCC is loosening its laws regarding small radio stations. Its rediculous that the public was not allowed to create their own stations, leaving the AM and FM spectrum wasted by corporate giants.
I also heard some bad news, it might just be a rumor, that the FCC might disband. This would be terrible because the confusion could lead to some screwed up laws and would also give corporations an easier time to bribe officials.
Thank you for your time.

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From: <velazque@ix.netcom.com>
To: K2DOM.K2PO1(WKENNARD)
Date: Thu, Jan 28, 1999 2:49 PM
Subject: ?

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Dear Commissioner,

I deplore the lack of diversity in media and am scared stiff by the monopolistic trends in ownership. Thank you for your efforts to reach out to the disenfranchised and special interest community groups who have the right to use the public air waves. Following is an e-mail I have sent to my congressmen. I hope it helps.

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Sheila Velazquez
6830 Sheffield Drive
Knoxville, Tn 37909
423-558-8641

I urge you to support FCC Chairman William Kennard's efforts to establish low power radio frequency microstations for communities and to oppose any moves toward dismantling the FCC, which is making an attempt to offer diverse ownership of the air waves.

It is critical that we:
* Preserve free, over-the-air broadcast services and ensure satellite coverage in underserved areas.
* Open low-power radio frequencies for local use.
* Promote the participation of people of all backgrounds in broadcasting and other communications media.

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As you know, advertisers have a low rate of ad placement with stations that serve minority communities. This, in effect, is discrimination and probably a violation of our First Amendment rights to express and hear varying viewpoints, in that small stations are deprived of the revenues to stay afloat.

The only remedy is in making these stations available at very low cost. I don't see mainstream media doing any about face out of conscience.

With ten companies now controlling over half of all media, it is more crucial than ever that we not shut out the vast majority of people who have no choice and no voice.

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From: "GENO MUNARI" <munari@email.msn.com>
To: K2DOM.K2PO1(WKENNARD)
Date: Thu, Jan 28, 1999 11:50 AM
Subject: Your Action on LPFM

Tyhanks and my hat is off to you in realizing the neccesity of LPFM stations and access to the airwaves for regular citizens of our country. During this latest impeachment trial, a staion in my area would have been very important to balance the news and relay the truth to the American Public.

Sincerely,

Geno Munari
3539 Pueblo Way
Las Vegas, NV 89109

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From: "Gary Burke" <gary_burke@hotmail.com>
To: K2DOM.K2PO1(WKENNARD)
Date: Wed, Jan 27, 1999 8:05 PM
Subject: RM-9242

Dear Mr. Kennard,

I have been following the progress of "RM-9242", the creation of a "L.P.F.M." service with great personal interest.

I have dreamed of owning and operating my own licensed FM station since I was a teenager. I haven't done it because the cost is astronomical. Should such a L.P.F.M. service be created, I intend to make the majority of my station's "airtime" available to those individuals whose voice or music programs would not otherwise be heard through current commercial broadcast stations.

If I owned my own L.P.F.M. station, I would first survey the material other FM stations within my coverage area provide in an effort to create unique, original material of my own. I would then make the balance of the airtime available to others within my community, such as:

Communication Arts students
Music students
Freelance journalists
Alternative and "indie" music bands (independent, unsigned bands that don't have a record label)
Etc.

I am excited at the prospect of station ownership and would consider it a privilege to be considered for it.

Thank you for your continued work towards the finalisation RM-9242, what I would call "The People's FM Radio Service".

Regards,

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From: <LPBINC@aol.com>
To: K2DOM.K2PO1(GTRISTAN,MPOWELL,SNESS,WKENNARD),K2DOM...
Date: Wed, Jan 27, 1999 3:00 PM
Subject: Low Power Regulations - A manufacturer perspective

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Dear FCC Commissioners,

Since 1960, LPB, Inc. has manufactured Certified and Accepted low power AM and FM transmission systems for Parts 15, 73 and 90. We have strived to not only follow the regulations but educate others at numerous educational broadcasting seminars and via the internet. We believe strongly in the value of community and educational radio broadcasting and support the CONCEPT of LICENSED low power radio stations. We URGE you to consider some of the more important factors in any new legislation.

LPB is approached on a daily basis by members of the "pirate" radio community, seeking transmission systems and audio equipment. We have denied these sales for years, despite their now massive potential in dollars. We have always contacted the FCC when we have found illegal products in use and have even tried to educate some of those manufacturing and/or offering them.

The playing field has been losing its level for several years. Field enforcement against individuals has grown steadily weaker and there has been no enforcement against manufacturers. We ask for your immediate consideration of these issues BEFORE you consider new legislation. The failure to enforce the existing rules has BADLY impacted our business. If these present rules are unable to be enforced, it bodes very poorly for any new legislation which might add loopholes for new broadcast stations.

Prior to enacting new legislation, please consider the following : Illegal manufacturers now publish color catalogs, have websites and hold their own seminars in community radio. They have reached this brazen point because they have been untouched by enforcement. I, personally, have sent a full inch of papers to CIB on ONE manufacturer in Florida who advertises nationally. No action has been taken. Another "kit" company now publishes full color catalogs and even offers complete radio station packages. A company that once sent out small booklets and kits, now offers up to 1kw FM transmission systems, with processing and antennas. You have lost control of these areas and I fear that to enact low power regulations now would open the floodgates of untested, uncertified equipment, harmonic spikes and CB-level chaos.

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If you feel that you must continue with legislation BEFORE correcting the existing issues, please reach for the highest level of technical specifications and site design possible. Please require TYPE ACCEPTED systems and not kits or Part 15 Certifications. Please strive to ensure a solid, cohesive and swift enforcement system can be in operation when the new rules are implemented.

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LPB has spent years working with the FCC in rulemaking and modification to serve community and educational broadcasters. We are fearful of the results of open low power rules without solid and efficient enforcement.

We respectfully request that you consider these issues during any legislative proceedings. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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From: Harold Stokes <hstokes@bignet.net>
To: K2DOM.K2PO1(GTRISTAN,MPOWELL,SNESS,WKENNARD),K2DOM...
Date: Wed, Jan 27, 1999 3:44 PM
Subject: Low Power Radio

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Dear FCC Commissioners:

I was very pleased to read that in your meeting tomorrow on 28th includes an item on low-power broadcasting: Creation of a Low Power Radio Service (RM's-9208 and 9242).

A change is needed to make our media more democratic and the FCC and can do that. I hope that you and Chairman William Kennard are successful in implementing your agenda for 1999 to:

* Preserve free, over-the-air broadcast services and ensure satellite coverage in under served areas.
* Open low-power radio frequencies for local use.
* Promote the participation of people of all backgrounds in broadcasting and other communications media.

Americans for Radio Diversity believes in opening up low-power frequencies for community-oriented broadcasting. Instead of requiring investments of $100,000 to $300,000 just to get a license, a complete low-power FM (LPFM) station could be set up for under $2,000. Clearly this is more democratic as it is within the reach of the average citizen. And since LPFM might only use a 100-watt signal or less (compared to 100,000 watt commercial stations that cover very large areas) there would be MORE room on the dial for even more stations. Properly set-up and maintained, a low-power station can serve a community without interfering with preexisting commercial stations.

I would appreceiate hearing from you as to what action you take at your meeting tomorrow.

Thank you,

Harold L. Stokes
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CC: Tom & Sue Ness <jamrag@usnmail.com>

From: Walter_L_Johnson <wljohnso@valdosta.edu>
To: K2DOM.K2PO1(WKENNARD)
Date: Tue, Jan 26, 1999 11:06 PM
Subject: Low Power FM

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Dear Mr. Kennard,

Hello! My name is Walter L. Johnson II, and I'm a student double majoring in English and public relations at Valdosta State University(Ga.) I hope things are going well for you. I am writing this letter to ask you to support the new Low Power FM (LPFM) that is to be considered by your agency in less than two days.

I also work as an air personality and sports director at WVVS(90.9 FM) in Valdosta, Ga., where I believe it's important to support this new service, because the future of radio as we know it is at stake.

A main example of this happened more than a week ago, when WGPC(104.5 FM) of Albany, Ga., carried a full service format of easy-listening music, news, and sports for a number of years, only to have Cumulus Media buy the station, and sister outlet WKAK from 101.7 FM to 104.5 FM as of January 18, 1999. That move destroyed a long-standing in Georgia broadcasting.

In conclusion, I feel that passage of the LPFM service will restore vital services to the people who rely on them. Passage of such proposal will let the big corporations know that buy any and every station they want and limit choices for the average listener.

I hope you will consider my thoughts when you make your final decision. I thank for your time.

Sincerely,
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From: "Jane Carpenter" <teknowitch@amigo.net>
To: K2DOM.K2PO1(WKENNARD)
Date: Tue, Jan 26, 1999 9:04 PM
Subject: low power fm

I understand that you will soon consider licensing lower power fm community radio stations and urge you take action to encourage rural areas to form their own stations at a minimal cost and paperwork.
We have a lot of "dead air" across the dial here in central Colorado. We also have an enthusiastic bunch of people that would like to fill up the dead air with music and local programming reflecting the diversity of our residents. We don't have a lot of money or legal know-how but would like an opportunity to run a low-cost all volunteer station if you would allow us by granting licenses of under a 100 watts with less paperwork and smaller application fee than currently required by the FCC.
Please consider enacting a licensing procedure for rural communities with plenty of space on the dial and more enthusiasm that money.
Thank you,
Jane R Carpenter
PO Box 1414
Salida, CO 81201

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From: "Roy Edward Coughlin" <coughli5@pilot.msu.edu>
To: K2DOM.K2PO1(WKENNARD)
Date: Tue, Jan 26, 1999 8:32 PM
Subject: state of radio

Dear Sir,

As a concerned citizen and radio listener, I find the current state of the airwaves dismaying. Increasing consolidation of radio stations, decreasing minority ownership in radio, and the exclusion of low-power broadcasting has left the public feeling shut out of what used to be a relatively democratic medium. I am writing to urge you to: support the creation of a low-power broadcast system; promote the inclusion of minorities in broadcasting; and take steps to curb the ongoing merger craze that threatens the diversity and vitality of American radio. Taking these proactive measures is the only way to begin the process of returning the airwaves to the people.

Sincerely,

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From: "K " <kinayta@mailcity.com>
To: "William Kennard" <wkennard@fcc.gov>, "Susan Ness"...
Date: Tue, Jan 26, 1999 4:15 PM
Subject: microbroadcasting

I am writing to encourage the opening of a low power radio broadcast service for community broadcasting, an issue which will be discussed by the Federal Communications Commission at its January 28th meeting. Increased radio consolidation made possible by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has worsened the situation of the radio market, benefiting big-business and non-minority agendas. Opening microradio opportunities in the existing FM band would allow a greater focus on local events, on the involved community, and would also provide greater opportunities for local bands and individuals interested in radio broadcasting careers. As radio is a relatively cheap and mobile way to receive information, community focus in radio is of great importance in a democratic society; in addition, the cost of setting up a low power FM station is within reach of the average citizen.
(I also strongly oppose the dismantling of the FCC as it would leave the radio market in the hands of multi-million dollar companies.)

Thankyou,
Kimberly L. Horvath

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From: Rob Gruhl <robg@microsoft.com>
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Date: Thu, Jan 28, 1999 6:43 PM
Subject: License low power radio stations for neighboorhood radio? Yes!

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Heard about this today and think it's a fantastic idea.

-Rob Gruhl
Seattle, WA

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From: <beatradio@beatworld.com>
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Subject: LPFM thanks

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William Kennard
Chairman, FCC
Washington, DC

via email
January 28, 1999

Chairman Kennard:

In October, 1997, I wrote to you with concerns regarding the general condition of American broadcast radio and specifically, Low Power radio. I appreciated your response at that time and I write to you now with gratitude following today's Commission action in issuing a Notice of Proposed Rule Making for the creation of a Low Power radio service.

While I have not had the opportunity to review the specifics of the proposal, I am generally pleased that the FCC, in a relatively brief period of time, has proactively addressed the issues of diversity and access to the airwaves. When the comment period commences, I will file my remarks with the agency.

Since I was among the first to contact you at the time of your appointment, I'd like to be among the first to offer my thanks for your position on Low Power radio as it pertains to the NPRM.

Regards,

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To: K2DOM.K2PO1(WKENNARD)
Date: Thu, Jan 28, 1999 6:05 PM
Subject: lpfm

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dear mr. kennard, just wanted to thank you for your stand on lpfm. i have been in radio 30 years. thants about half my entire life. i have never seen am/fm radio in such a sad state of affairs. all the absentee owners care about is the bottom line. i understand that you have to make money , and this is possible and still take care of the community needs ie. local news, school board meetings, city council meetings, etc. this certainly is not being done. i live in a community of about 5,000 population and the local am/fm station is nothing more than a juke box. perhaps this in part is the fault of the fcc in their licensing requirements. it's a sad state of affairs when you can travel accross wyoming (approx. 450 miles) and all you can listen to is the same canned music from the same satellite company. good luck and help us get radio back to its original intent.

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From: Lorenzo Dillard <ldond@earthlink.net>
To: K1DOM.K1PO1(FCCINFO)
Date: Sat, Jan 30, 1999 1:03 AM
Subject: Low Power FM Radio (LPFM)

Dear FCC Commissioners,

I think the idea of a Low Power FM Radio Station license class is a good idea . I am an African American man who has worked in the broadcasting industry for over 20 years as a technician and an announcer. Up till now, unless I were to win the State Lottery, there would be no way for me to ever own a Station. For one thing, the cost of a commercial license is astronomical --second with all of the industry consolidation , even if I had the money it would be hard to find a frequency open within my home area. I live in Chicago and here in the Windy City the radio airwaves are controlled by four companies; CBS/Infinity, Chancellor Media, Bonneville, and ABC. This accounts for about 98 percent of the market. Even stations that were once considered on the fringe of the Chicago listening area have been gobbled up by these media giants. Low Power FM would give radio back to the people and allow for diversity on the air and within neighborhoods. Sure, Chancellor Media programs several Black oriented stations here--WGCI, WVAZ etc. However, Black programed is not the same as Black owned! I am not criticizing Chancellor--they do a fine job letting their stations serve their targeted audience, but I often wonder if a minority owned station might serve a minority community better. I also feel that a certain number of these LPFM licenses should be commercial. If you're going to allow people to own stations, allow them to make revenue if the can. Think of it in the same way as neighborhood specific newspapers. LPFMs should, in my opinion, adhere to most if not all current FCC regulations that full power stations do. That should help prevent interference to others .

I hope that this proposal passes. If it does, I will be applying for a low power license. Whether I get a CP or not doesn't matter.... I'd still be closer than I'd ever been to my dream of owning a station.

Sincerely
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PS. I am currently employed as a tech at WPWR-TV Channel 50 . Gary , IN/Chicago Il.

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From: <stanstevens@juno.com>
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Date: Fri, Jan 29, 1999 7:23 PM
Subject: Public Broadcasting Licenses Awarding Hearings

The Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

It is important to those of us living in rural areas that depend on our local PBS stations that the licenses be award on their merit and value to the community. These big statewide stations are just too remote and impersonal. They might win access to us in any lottery system you might choose to use in awarding stations. We live among the Rocky Mountains and depend on translators to pass the stations around our valleys. Our locally supported stations give us valley news and entertainment as well as the network programs that we choose to subscribe to. If you give away our translator frequencies we will be unable to hear the stations that we love and pay for and you will bankrupt these stations as they will be unable to fund raise as they are doing now. Do not do anything to upset this balance in our lives. Thank you.

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