

Statement of the SouthEast Association of Microbroadcasters
(SEAM)

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

SEAM, a Southeast Association of Micro-broadcasters, organizations and individuals are dedicated to creating a self-regulating, non-commercial radio service that meets the needs of our communities which is not already being satisfied by existing establishment media. We will achieve these goals through exercising our free speech right to broadcast, direct action continued public outreach and education, shared resources, and knowledge to give voice to the voiceless.

SEAM response to FCC=s Notice of Proposed Rule-making (NPRM)

We call for:

1. An Immediate moratorium to the FCC raids and seizures.
2. Amnesty for existing microradio stations; furthermore, we call for compensation of time, money, and equipment, and once FCC rule-making is in place, already existing micro stations will be licensed/grand-fathered upon request.
3. A 1 - 100 watt, non-commercial service can occupy any frequency on the FM dial (between 87.9 - 107.9) and receive Primary status=
4. The studio facilities must be located within the primary contour of the transmitting facilities
5. Local license holding, and no absentee ownership
6. Only one station per owning organization and that organization cannot have controlling members in common with other stations
7. A majority of locally relevant programming; programming not available on any other local broadcast media source
8. Equipment shall be Atype accepted= which will meet basic technical criteria in respect to stability, filtering, and modulation control, and the standard for compliance shall be non-interference.
9. Licensing preference given to racial minorities and the economically disadvantaged.
10. Support the previous proposal to simulcast digital content on another band, aka cube proposal and the eureka147, that micro broadcasters will be included in the transition to digital media

11. Exemption from EAS (Emergency Alert System)

12. That licensees be unincorporated not-for-profit associations, or non profit organizations.

13. That problems, whether technical or otherwise, shall be first referred to the local or regional voluntary micropower organization for technical assistance or voluntary mediation. The FCC shall be the forum of last resort.

14. That licensing fees shall not exceed \$25

15. New spectrum space shall be allocated for continued expansion of microradio broadcasters by relaxation of current 2nd and 3rd adjacency interference requirements and that these new resulting licenses are restricted to the new LPFM class of licenses. Further, all manufacturers of consumer radio receivers for sale in the United States shall be required to conform to increased sensitivity and selectivity performance standards to allow effective receptions of single adjacent spaced LPFM stations.