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Addressing Docket 99-25
Request for Comments

Sirs:

I believe that the creation of a low power FM class would allow those communities to build radio stations for local information on their own. About two years ago, I looked into the possibility of an FM radio station for my high school. Because of the costs and paperwork involved, I dropped the issue altogether. This could be the answer I was looking for back then.

This class should have some restrictions on who can and can not get a license. The large radio corporations that already own the majority of the commercial bandwidth in the FM broadcast band don't need to get their hands in here. Schools should be able to apply for this type of license, as well as municipalities. In the urban areas, maybe open it up to co-ops, or something like that.

The addition of this low power FM band looks to be promising, if passed. For those organizations to fall meet the criteria to get a license, the process should be made easier than putting up a 10,000 watt commercial station. Most of those groups applying probably won't have as much funding to get something like this going.

Let me summerize. This new class of FM broadcast stations has potential to be successful. Licensees need to be limited by certain criteria (i.e. everyone applying should not be automatically eligible). Finally, since there are low power restrictions, all of the rules that the large stations have to follow should become a little lax for the benefit of all. Thank you for the opportunity to address you.

Sincerely,

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