

The dissenting comments of COMMISSIONER HAROLD W. FURCHTGOTT-ROTH above are well received and I agree that there should be more study as to the interference ramifications. I do also agree that it is moot to authorize LPFM stations in New York city, or Los Angeles, but I feel that these cities, and some others similar in size and diversification are just that, already well served and diversified.

COMMISSIONER HAROLD W. FURCHTGOTT-ROTH:

"And, of course, commission enforcement of rules and regulations applicable to the new stations will be an administrative drain and involve the Commission in micromangement of the smallest of operations."

COMMISSIONER HAROLD W. FURCHTGOTT-ROTH in the above quote is correct in questioning the wisdom of entering into a "micromanagement" situation for the commission. I feel that there is a possibility that local regulation, with standards developed at the Federal Communications Commission, could be interestingly and competently managed at the local (city or county) level. Technical standards are easily interpreted, especially today with the sophisticated testing equipment, but levels of community service issues are best assessed at the local level. The technical authority should remain at the federal level but administration thereof could easily be accomplished at the local level, as it is now for the public radio service in it's coordination groups, and if specific incidents escalate, referred to the commission.

In conclusion: I am very receptive to the ability to choose from many more selections that the LPFM proposal would provide. I do feel that interference standards may be relaxed a bit to achieve this but not at the expense of the future of digital communications and feel that there is a way to let local officials administer the standards.

Thank You,
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