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To FCC staff and Commissioners:

I wish to file the following as a formal comment for the Commissioners and Staff on FCC docket MM 99-25, the proposal by the FCC to create a low-power FM service.

One of the considerations raised by the Commission is the possibility of assigning stations to the second adjacent channel of an existing fully-licensed station.

We have had experience at WXFM, Mt. Zion, Illinois with a low-power pirate radio station presently operating on our second adjacent channel. The operator has stated on the air that he is operating with 12 watts. His antenna appears to be about 20 feet above the ground. On several occasions we have measured interference to our station within four miles of our tower, caused by the low-power station. We have also received dozens of complaints from listeners -- of interference. We have informed the Chicago District Office of the FCC of these complaints over the past several years. Their investigation is contained in 97-0300. Please see this document on file in the Chicago District office. We have been told by the Chicago District Office that they will make that documentation available to you upon your request (97-0300). Our measurements and the complaints of listeners clearly demonstrate that assigning a low-power station to a second-adjacent channel creates unacceptable interference to listeners.

That interference is presently continuing.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Burns

President & General Manager, WXFM

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