

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to comment on MM Docket 99-25, the FCC Rulemaking on Low Power FM Radio. This rule should be approved.

1) The radio airwaves are, in spite of what NAB might think, not their property. They are a public resource to be used for the public good. The public good is not helped when more and more radio stations are owned by fewer and fewer corporations. It does not matter if these corporations come up with new formats ("Rockin' Oldies" and "Kickin' Country") if they are playing the same old songs with no local content, no local news and no local interest, other than in getting advertising.

2) Broadcasters insist that lower power FM stations will interfere with radio reception, but give little basis for this belief. If some radio frequencies would interfere with reception of commercial stations, those frequencies should not be granted. This doesn't mean though, that no such radio stations should be licensed.

3) This has been shown in the past. I once was a deejay on a 10 watt station, WHPK in Chicago. It had a ten-watt transmitter, so that it could broadcast to the campus of the University of Chicago. In the years I worked at WHPK we had no complaints about interference with other stations. We had to upgrade the station to 100 watts only because the FCC ordered all ten-watt stations closed. I never understood the reasons for this, and I think this is only fixing that earlier mistake.

Yours truly,

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