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In the Matter of:

**FCC Proposes Licensed Low Power  
FM Radio; Seeks Comment on  
Engineering, Service Rules for  
New System**

(MM DOCKET 99-25)

COMMENTS OF:

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I file these comments on April 6, 1999 with regard to the FCC's proposal for licensing of low power FM radio stations (MM Docket 99-25). I wish to offer my complete support of this proposal and acknowledge the positive benefits that such licensing could bring to schools and learning institutions around the country.

Should the above referenced proposal come into being, our organization has every intention of applying for a license to operate such a station. We are a residential treatment center located 60 miles north of New York City and feel that the establishment of a radio station here on campus would be a wonderful addition to our program. Expansion of our programs, especially programs that would be of interest to our adolescent population, is a vital part of our mission. Offering vocational training, work experience and varied life skills help us to prepare our residents for life in the real world.

Our organization plays a large and vital role in our community. Our campus, farm and wildlife rehabilitation center see more than more than 20,000 visitors a year. We host a variety of family oriented public events throughout the year. We operate an ACA (American Camping Assoc.) accredited public day camp, a nursery school and kindergarten, horseback riding program, therapeutic riding program, swimming classes, high and low ropes courses, and a variety of outdoor experiential learning programs.

Green Chimneys' mission is to provide care and concern for all living things.  
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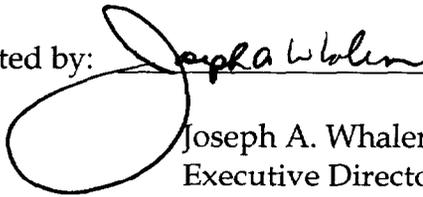
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The addition of a low power FM radio station would enable us to keep the public informed of our many programs. It will also provide our staff with new opportunities for lesson plans and program development. Our residents will have hands on experiences involving engineering, news and entertainment program development, and public service programs. We will be a voice for all local community emergencies and information.

With regard to commercialism, we should have the opportunity to generate revenues from advertising and underwriting. This will permit us to sustain the viability of the station. The local community is capable of providing a limited advertising base.

In conclusion, I look forward to following the progress of your proposal regarding the licensing of low voltage FM radio stations. I fully support such a proposal.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph A. Whalen", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the "Submitted by:" label.

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April 6, 1999