

Hello,

I'm writing in support of a free or very low cost Low Power FM license for any US citizen who wants one. I believe it is long past time that INDIVIDUALS and small-businesspeople had better and easier access to the spectrum which they as citizens OWN.

The entire regulatory system seems geared to large corporate powers, with a definite bias AGAINST individual use of the airwaves.

Regarding your NPRM note about refusing licenses to those who have broadcast without a license in the past: I believe that to be bad policy. In fact, those people SHOULD have been able to get a license from the FCC, but due to mistaken policy at the FCC, they could not. I don't think it's valid to withhold a license at this time, when the FCC is effectively acknowledging that there was in fact a bad policy in place up until now.

Also, many of those people are the exact type of broadcaster to give us the diversity of voice, choice, and opinion, that this country needs right now.

Further, it will save a lot of administrative headache if we just "clean the slate and start over" in regards to low-power broadcast.

On a related note, I have two comments on other aspects of individual access to our airwaves:

1) Rather than "stepping up enforcement" of CB, "freebanders", etc., I believe that the OPPOSITE should be done. I.e, expand the CB service to include the "no man's land" between 27 and 28mhz, and raise the CB power limit to somewhere in the 25-50 watt range. This would make it a much more "usable" service. In addition, some sort of lower-HF band should be added to the CB service; such as 2-5 mhz. Many individuals have either need or desire for moderate distance personal/informal radio communications, and an amateur license isn't appropriate for the majority of citizens. The widespread "freebanding" etc. should be recognized for what it is, A LACK OF REASONABLE INDIVIDUAL ACCESS; rather than being used as an excuse for yet more police-type actions against individuals with a legitimate need.

2) I believe that the high-speed Morse requirement ONLY for HF access is neither logical, fair, or desirable. In fact, it's quite arbitrary and counterproductive. I fully support a General-class license with a 5wpm Morse requirement. I also support additional amateur bands in the low-HF spectrum; i.e. the proposed 5mhz band, etc..

Thank you for taking my views into consideration,

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