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In the Matter of)
Microstation Radio) MM Docket 99-25
Broadcast Service)

COMMENTS OF

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I file these comments on 5/27/99 regarding the FCC's MM Docket 99-25. I welcome your reconsideration of the bar on low power radio service. However I urge you to include the following in any rules for this type of broadcasting:

1. Non-commercial service.
2. Only one station per owner.
3. Ownership must be local, no absentee owners.
4. Stations shall be locally programmed. However recorded materials such as music, poetry, documentary features, etc. may be used. Sharing of program ~~features~~ materials + resources among micro + community stations is strongly encouraged.
5. Owners may be individuals, unincorporated associations, or non-profit organizations. For-profit corporations, partnerships, joint ventures, or other organizations may not be owners.
6. Maximum power shall be 100 watts.

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(7.) A microstation shall fill out a simple registration form, + send one copy with an appropriate registration fee to the FCC, + a second copy to a voluntary body set up by the local or regional micropower broadcast community to oversee micropower stations.

(8.) Fees must not be set beyond the reach of ordinary citizens + shall not exceed $500.

(9.) Registration shall be valid for four years.

(10.) When there are competing applicants for a broadcasting license, a points system shall be used rather than a lottery.

(11.) There shall be no specific public service requirements imposed by the FCC.

(12.) When TV stations are converted to digital, leaving Channel 6 free, it shall be allocated as an extension of the FM band strictly for the low power ~~FM~~ community FM service. Radio receivers manufactured or entering the country after that allocation must meet this band extension.

(13.) I request a moratorium on prosecutions of microbroadcasters + amnesty for ~~micro~~ microbroadcasters who have been prosecuted. I also ask that seized property be returned to its owners. Unlicensed microbroadcasters are not acting for venal or criminal purposes, but rather to affirm + establish their constitutional rights through civil disobedience. In fact, had they not taken a firm stance to assert their basic rights this rulemaking would

not be taking place.

The current monopolization of the airwaves by commercial interests is unacceptable. There must be a place on the broadcast spectrum for the nation's citizenry. The airwaves belong to the people of America, + the citizens of this nation deserve the ~~opportunity~~ opportunity to use them in a meaningful + affordable way.

I urge the FCC to recognize a new era in broadcasting + to promulgate in a formal rulemaking a new system of low power broadcasting that encourages the participation of our nation's ordinary citizens.

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