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Federal Communications Commission
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Reference: MM Docket No. 99-25

I strongly oppose the move to add any more frequencies to the airwaves for concept of "Low-Power FM" the following reasons:

1. The proposed relaxation of interference protection contours that are two and three frequencies away from any chosen frequency in order to permit the addition of the new Low Power FM frequencies into the spectrum is without precedent in undermining the technical integrity of the FM Broadcast band. The elimination of these interference protection contours will possibly destroy the integrity of the FM broadcast band as we know it today. The interference caused by these additional stations will be substantial, and may preclude America's broadcasters from being able to move into the digital age with digital FM broadcasting in the future.
2. In the proposed rulemaking, very few, if any, additional frequencies can be allocated to the major cities of the United States. If it is intended to provide more frequencies to the very large cities and therefore provide the opportunity for on-air diversity, there cannot be additional frequencies allocated, under any circumstance. Therefore, the proposed Low-Power FM stations have to be located in cities and towns other than the largest; cities such as Lawton, OK; which already provides diversity in programming and ownership of the stations. One of the two radio stations in Lawton is owned by an African-American and the radio station from which I am writing serves the Hispanic community with a Sunday program of all Spanish language programming.
3. The FCC is strained now to enforce the rules and regulations for the existing Radio and Television stations. There is NO way for the FCC with the current manpower, funding and field offices to: allocate, oversee construction, and most importantly police thousands

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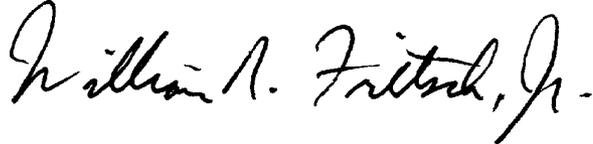
of new FM radio stations in the country. The proposed rulemaking only offers the frequencies to persons that have NO broadcast ownership and many that may apply will have no knowledge of how to properly construct and operate a Broadcast station. This could be a technical disaster.

4. Roy Stewart, Chief of the Mass Media Bureau, said the release of additional frequencies in the early 1980's in the famous docket 80-90 was the biggest mistake the FCC had ever made. The recent consolidation in the industry is the final response to the proliferation of the allocation of the thousands of additional frequencies to the United States. The consolidation was inevitable with the economic pressure placed upon the radio medium to remain viable, or even to exist!

Also, in the rulemaking proposal I do not understand how the proposed ownership limits for low-power stations, or the Commission's desire to license a certain favored group, can be reconciled with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 or the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

I strongly urge the Federal Communications Commission to stop any further action on Low-Power FM.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William R. Fritsch, Jr.".

William R. Fritsch, Jr.
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