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REF: 47CFR Part 73
(MM Docket No 99-25; FCC 99-6)
CREATION OF A LOW POWER RADIO SERVICE

COMMENTS:

The undersigned would like to offer comments regarding the proposed rule making. The following comments will be in order and referenced to the Commission's proposed rule making docket as appeared in the Federal Register Vol 64, No 30, dated February 16, 1999.

SECTION II B (7) It is the opinion of this commentor that channels 201 to 220 be opened to the new proposed radio service. Further they should not be restricted to non-commercial status throughout the FM band. The very idea of opening this new service to small entities and individuals constitute the need for income to keep the propose radio service and the stations serving the small communities solvent.

C. 8- We are in favor of establishing a "Micro Radio" service to allow small communities the opportunity of building a station that would fit into the available FM frequencies without causing interference to full power services.

C. 9- This writer has no interest in an LP1000 service. Our community can be served very well with an LP 100 service.

2. 14.- The LP100 class service is of great interest to this commentor. The establishment of one or more LP100 radio stations would not only be affordable, but would provide our small community (Marysville, OH) with diversified voices and opinions.

16.- This commentor agrees with the Commission that an LP100 service will be less expensive to construct and operate than an LP1000 service. For our small community and limited funds available this makes perfect sense. Due to the low power emitted from an LP100 or micro service, I feel stations should be permitted to pick the "best" available channel and accept interference from other stations. This is a small price to pay for the opportunity to establish our own local FM service.

17.- Our opinion would be to prohibit translators in this service to promote LOCAL service.

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3.- 1-10 MICRO RADIO

18.- We agree that a "Micro Radio" service should be established. Our tests have shown that with careful placement of an antenna, small communities could be served very well with powers of 10 watts or less. This would provide service to many more rural communities because of limited funds available.

19.- We very much agree that if such a service is established, FCC type accepted equipment be employed. This would greatly eliminate interference to other local services and provide a clean well modulated signal to be broadcast.

27.- We feel that the first adjacent channels should receive consideration when choosing a frequency. Because of the low power involved (LP100, or micro radio) second and third adjacent channels should be ignored due to the minimal potential hazard.

30.- We strongly oppose bandwidth reduction for the proposed services. This would reduce the availability of standard broadcast equipment and cause a considerable burden to the applicants.

F. 32.- This commenter proposes that to obtain a license for any other proposed services, the applicant must not be employed by any other media. This would defeat the purpose and intent of the Commission to establish the new service. Giving the average citizen the opportunity to at last own and operate their own radio station will be a life long dream come true.

G. 41.- The very existence of this new proposed radio service dictates local programming. This commenter believes that to make this a truly worthwhile venture, at least 90% of the programming should be originated on a local level, using local talent and allowing new voices and opinions to be heard.

46.-

Transfer of construction permits should NOT be allowed. This will limit the burden on the Commission and once again, allow the average local citizen the opportunity to license and construct their own station.

48.- We feel that if a person has the interest and the opportunity to obtain an FCC license for this new proposed service, that person should be allowed to renew that license for at least twenty years.

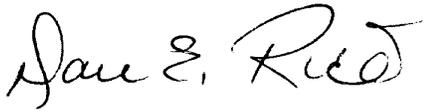
49.- EAS service should not be placed in LP100 or micro service stations. The cost of obtaining proper equipment, the burden of required tests and reporting would be too great. Due to the limited range and potential listeners of the proposed service makes this unnecessary in our opinion.

50.- No major benefits to listeners would be enjoyed by the assignment of special call letters for the new service.

51.- We agree that the Commission should retain the right to shut down stations causing impermissible interference at once.

57.- Auctions on a local level would create a large burden to small budget operations such as being proposed. Some other method, such as a lottery should be required to solve mutually exclusive applications.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan E. Rice". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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