

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to submit my comments about docket 99-25, concerning low power "micro-radio".

The idea that more people would have a "voice" is a noble idea, however, I don't think that this concept is going to produce the diversity that so many are promising.

There are hundreds of full-power commercial radio stations that cannot find it economically feasible to even run live programming, so how is a low-power radio station going to have the means to hire an air staff, support personnel, let alone a news staff?

The result will be nothing but more of the same...automation.

You say most of these stations will be "non-profit". Let me explode the myth about non-profit entities. Even non-profit groups must make a profit to continue operations. Non-profit organizations that fail to make a profit cease to exist.

There is already a system in place for these groups to have a public voice. It's called PUBLIC RADIO. Why don't they live up to their name and open up their microphones to these groups?

Where are these stations going to be? What power levels? It seems the FCC is putting the cart before the horse. This policy of "Okay it now-sort it out later" seems reckless.

There is a tremendous new opportunity on the horizon with the advent of digital broadcast