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The FCC in Docket MM-99-25 LPFM Community Broadcast Service:

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THE ISSUE

Microbroadcasters are radio stations with less than 100 watts that
transmit signals within a five to 15 mile radius and are operating
without
FCC licenses. Currently, there are thousands of pirate microradio
stations
in operation all over the country. In addition to being an inefficient
use
of the spectrum, the FCC has established that these pirate microradio
stations create hazardous interference problems, specifically with air
traffic control towers.

Recently, the FCC has stepped up enforcement against pirate radio. The
Commission has shut down more than 200 pirates over the past two years.

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But Chairman Bill Kennard sees the pirate radio movement as an indication of the public's need for access to broadcasting. In response, he is floating a proposal to license microbroadcasters with one-watt AM/FM stations as a means of expanding opportunities for station ownership.

Unfortunately, this proposal does nothing to address the interference problems that will only increase if thousands of new microradio stations are licensed. Also, the FCC has no means of monitoring these new stations that may start out as one-watt stations but later seek to become full power stations.

INDUSTRY VIEWS

The NAB does not support microradio for the following reasons:

- * The FCC has already stated that a micro- or low power service, of one to 100 watts, is an inefficient use of the spectrum;
- * The development of digital radio technology depends on the existing channel allocations. Adding thousands of new low power stations could jeopardize broadcasters from ever implementing digital radio technology;
- * The FCC does not have the resources to establish a new service that could potentially add hundreds, if not thousands of new low power stations. The Commission would face extraordinary burdens in licensing new low power stations, solving interference problems, and policing power cheaters if a low power service were established;
- * The FCC should not establish an entirely new service to legitimize the pirate broadcasters who are flagrantly violating the law as it exists today.

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The FCC in Docket MM-99-25 LPFM Community Broadcast Service:

"MICRORADIO

THE ISSUE

Microbroadcasters are radio stations with less than 100 watts that transmit signals within a five to 15 mile radius and are operating without FCC licenses. Currently, there are thousands of pirate microradio stations in operation all over the country. In addition to being an inefficient use of the spectrum, the FCC has established that these pirate microradio stations create hazardous interference problems, specifically with air traffic control towers.

Recently, the FCC has stepped up enforcement against pirate radio. The Commission has shut down more than 200 pirates over the past two years. But Chairman Bill Kennard sees the pirate radio movement as an indication of the public's need for access to broadcasting. In response, he is floating a proposal to license microbroadcasters with one-watt AM/FM stations as a means of expanding opportunities for station ownership.

Unfortunately, this proposal does nothing to address the interference problems that will only increase if thousands of new microradio stations are licensed. Also, the FCC has no means of monitoring these new stations that may start out as one-watt stations but later seek to become full power stations.

INDUSTRY VIEWS

The NAB does not support microradio for the following reasons:

- * The FCC has already stated that a micro- or low power service, of one to 100 watts, is an inefficient use of the spectrum;
- * The development of digital radio technology depends on the existing channel allocations. Adding thousands of new low power stations could jeopardize broadcasters from ever implementing digital radio technology;
- * The FCC does not have the resources to establish a new service that could potentially add hundreds, if not thousands of new low power stations. The Commission would face extraordinary burdens in licensing new low power stations, solving interference problems, and policing power cheaters if a low power service were established;

* The FCC should not establish an entirely new service to legitimize the pirate broadcasters who are flagrantly violating the law as it exists today.

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