

I applaud the FCC for considering a low power FM radio service. This will allow the people of a community to have a community based radio station, a thing that most communities with satellite feeds have lost.

For many years I lived in a small community that had a single AM station, and later added an FM station. A short time later the FM station went into a management contract with the AM station. Both stations are owned by a local individuals, so you would think that the community was being served.

The AM station was started in the late 1940s and does provide community news, but the choice of music was toward that of the owners, the format is soft country.

The new FM was owned by a man who was a rancher, who wanted to listen to hard country, and could care less if the station made or lost money, this was a personal music outlet for the owner. He used a satellite feed from day one. The AM station added a satellite feed shortly after they took over the management of the FM station. Both stations run the same local news, with the rest of their programming being soft country and hard country.

More than 50% of the public in the area would like other formats of music, but the management of the stations ignores the majority of the communities feelings.

In larger communities this is even more common as most stations are owned by the same entity and use total satellite feeds for their programming.

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