

I have been watching the progress on this matter for quite some time. I see the lobbying of the group-owned commercial broadcasters seems to be working within the Commission.

I would like to submit my comments that in my area, most (nearly 75%) of all viable FM signals are owned by one company who fails to regularly participate in community events, and has publically commented that low-power FM service would be counter-productive to their ability to generate revenues from advertising dollars.

From my perspective, in purchasing nearly every station in the marketplace, they have brought these events upon themselves and are not properly equipped to respond to the communities in which they serve.

Low Power FM, as currently presented would provide community organizations the opportunity to utilize available channels in our service area to better serve the community. Whether these stations be commercial or non-profit should have no impact on the matter.

Large broadcast corporations have made it virtually impossible for small businesses to enter the broadcasting arena. The prices they are willing to pay, and expect tendered for facilities are outrageous and prohibit smaller groups, organizations, and businesses who very well may have the ability to provide a consistent community product from doing so.

I make these comment as an active radio listener and United States Citizen. I would like to close my