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Regarding: MM Docket #99-25

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I am the owner and manager of a small market AM/FM station with no other broadcast interests. I have managed the station since 1963 and purchased the stations in 1978. We were licensed to serve the public and that has been our main goal over the 50 years we have been broadcasting. Our facilities have placed a heavy emphasis on informing the public with local news and public affairs programming. Our employees are urged to participate in community groups so we are aware of what is happening and what is needed in our communities. We have also done our part by being the primary E.A.S. station for the region which has both Hanford and the Umatilla Chemical depot in the market.

The recent trend toward allowing multi-station ownerships in markets has made broadcasting more difficult. The cost saving features of having 4 to 6 stations under one roof makes it extremely tough for a single ownership group to compete and provide our community with the local news and information service we feel radio should provide.

Now there is a proposal to add even more stations to the the spectrum with low-power signals. This would require the FCC to reduce its existing interference standards which would add problems to outlying listeners in our farm areas that depend on radio for their information. The FCC has limited resources now and a lack of staff to handle administrative and enforcement standards with the present number of stations. The proposal would allow these low-power stations to operate under less regulation than full-power stations and this would cause an interference nightmare.

I urge the FCC commissioners to drop the low-power proposal as it is currently structured. Broadcasters have a license to serve the public and this should be protected so our listeners can be informed on what happens in their community, nation and world.

Sincerely,

Dean Mitchell
Owner-Manager
KONA AM-FM

cc: US Representative Doc Hastings
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US Senator Patty Murray

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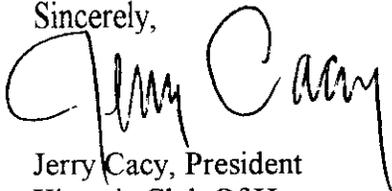
The members of the Kiwanis Club Of Heavener are writing to express our appreciation for the radio station KPRV AM & FM. KPRV is an asset to our organization and to our community.

The Kiwanis Club provides many services to the community. We have several ongoing costly projects such as, Story Time for the children. We provide a recording of five minute stories for children. A child can call the phone number and listen to a different fable everyday. The tapes and recorder were expensive to purchase and we pay for a phone line monthly. New Tapes are purchased every year. The counter on the tape machine reveals approximately 900 calls a week. I understand that some patience at our two nursing homes use the service. Our Club provides a Learn To Swim program for children between 6 years to 12 years of age. We rent a pool from 9 am to 11 am and pay life guards for the lessons. There is no charge for the children. Our Club cleans the lake every year after Labor Day to help with the Learn To Swim expenses. Normally we spend \$600. for the program. We have a Kiwanis Kids Karnival for children in the community. The games cost a nickel, hot dogs and pop are a quarter. The children win prizes with every game. We provide a bicycle safety program and give away at least a dozen safety helmets as prizes to promote their use by the children. A boy's bike & girl's bike are given away every year. It is truly a day for the kids to participate with very little cost and in some cases at no cost.

This is three major projects, out of thirty, that is funded by the direct help of KPRV. KPRV provides free radio time and technical help each year for our Kiwanis Radio Auction. The station provides an excess amount of free advertising for all of our projects. We also have remote coverage of personal interviews during most of our projects. This is a tremendous crowd builder for the Club's money raising activities.

This same support is given to other clubs, schools and our Chamber Of Commerce. We live in a small town and many of our members belong to several organizations to help our community. We want you to know that we support KPRV AM & FM because it is a tremendous asset to our community.

Sincerely,



Jerry Cacy, President
Kiwanis Club Of Heavener
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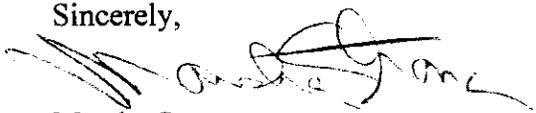
I wish to voice our opposition to the Commission's establishment of a low power radio service.

In the last ten years or so, we saw a proliferation of stations across the country causing a financial strain on the industry. The Telcom Act somewhat remedied that in the larger markets. Will the creation of a low power service re-create the problem in medium and small markets? There are many frequencies still available under the 80-90 rule. The low power service will not impact the larger markets, but can greatly increase the number of stations already in medium to small markets. Are they economically viable? How will it impact my station, which struggles in a small market western Oklahoma community? We already have a cluttered FM band, and will potentially 4,000 new stations just add more clutter to the band?

We are looking forward to the implementation of IBOC digital radio in the near future. What about the potential interference problems that can be caused by this service? Can the FCC take on the additional task of efficiently policing all of the stations created by this new service?

The low power FM radio service may sound great in theory, but as a small market FM operator, we are greatly concerned with the potential problems it can cause.

Sincerely,



Marsha Strong
owner/manager

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