

1000-watt LPFM stations are unnecessary. The purposes to which such stations would be put are already being adequately served by full-power stations. The same pressures that affect the diversity of full-power stations would affect the diversity of the low-power stations nearly as much.

Instead, the better choice is the creation of 100-watt and 10-watt LPFM stations. With their reduced range (3.5 mile radius or less), they would tend to be set up by smaller organizations with less pressure to attract listeners across large areas. This would promote such uses as community news, ethnic enclave-specific, and other more specialized purposes not served by the current system. They are also more appropriate for educational purposes, since more schools in an area will be able to hold such licenses.