

I believe that low-power FM licensing would be very beneficial leading toward more effective use of the radio spectrum for what it was intended: allowing the people to disseminate information. High power radio is increasingly dominated by media conglomerates who dictate what is considered news or entertainment. Low power stations could broadcast with a more local flavor and be responsive to the needs of their community. Items such as the "Amber Plan" in the Dallas/Fort Worth area would be more effective with more radio stations to broadcast their alerts. I do not believe that educational institutions should be the only potential licensees of low power FM. Everyone, provided they meet the requirements and spectrum is available, should be allowed to apply for and use a license. Regulation of low-power FM would do wonders toward curbing the current abuse by pirate radio stations. It would bring a measure of control and morality to a segment currently in chaos. Please, I urge you, let this rule be made and let us all enjoy the benefits of local radio.

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