

I support the creation of a low power FM radio service for the following reason:

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 has reduced employment opportunities, news coverage, and originality of 'local' radio.

I live near the "Quad Cities" (Davenport, Bettendorf, IA and Rock Island, Moline, IL). All of the stations licensed in the Quad Cities are owned by only two corporations. We have two choices in music- rock or country- both with little or no local news coverage.

For a Low Power FM Radio Service to operate successfully, I believe the following is necessary:

1. LPFM must allow for "commercial" (commercially supported) as well as "non-commercial" stations.
2. Both the 2nd and 3rd adjacent channel restrictions must be dropped for LPFM stations. Improvements in receiver design since the rules were written decades ago will allow these restrictions to be dropped without causing interference to existing stations or planned digital I.B.O.C. signals.
3. Directional antenna patterns should be allowed in densely populated areas to increase channel availability.
4. Some form of ownership restrictions must be in place to keep this service for "local owners". Present station owners should be restricted from owning or operating lpfm stations.

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