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<TEXT>As the General Manager of a group of radio stations,
I'm probably alone amongst my peers in applauding the efforts
of the commission to diversify the radio airwaves. I do so,
however, with one very strong caveat; diversify with ABSOLUTELY
no loosening of the interference protection standards, or
degradation of the existing adjacent channel safeguards. Unless
the entire effort is properly researched and engineered to protect
the spectrum as it exists, then diversification solely for the
sake of diversification may actually cancel out the desired effect.
The last thing anyone wants is for new and existing FM stations
to become small islands of clarity in a sea of interference.