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Regarding The Creation of Low Power FM Licenses: RM-9242, RM-9208

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PREFACE:

I am Disabled,Olga Works Two Jobs,Ed Frits The NAB and CPB are Stealing My and Olga's Right to Partake in The Radio Broadcast Business.

FCC Downgrade The Current NAB and CPB Stations, to The
Requirements of The 1934 Radio Act,10 to 3000 Watts to Legally Serve It's
Community,this gives Woman,Blacks and Minorities a opportunity to Compete
Aganist White Corporate America The NAB and CPB,and have a Community Voice
The NAB and CPB should not object after all they insist they are for and

are Community Radio.
There are Several Thousand NAB & CPB Stations in Excess
of Ten (10000) to One Hundread (100000) Thousand Watts this type of Activity is
Discrimination and Fascism Toward Woman,Blacks and Minorities who want a

LPFM Station FCC Docket MM 99-25.

This Is The Legal Law For Radio Broadcast and Needs To Be Brought To Civil
Rights Court,For Punitive Damage To Woman,Blacks and Minorities By The NAB,CPB,and The FCC.

Philosophical and Legal Foundations of Commercial

Radio

The basic landmark agreement between commercial radio and the people of the
United States was
established in the Communications Act of 1934 and has become the unifying
thread of all
telecommunications laws since then. The basic agreement was actually established in the years before.

This important law established basic philosophical principles:
The airways are public property.
Commerical broadcasters are liscensed use the airways.
The main condition for use will be whether the broadcaster served "the public interest, convenience,

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and necessity."

Communications Act's Of 1927 & 1934,Which Where Established
for the
American People,All The People,not Just The Rich and Wealthy,Radio
Conglomerates,The NAB,or Investment Firms.The Act's where created for all
people to have an Opportunity,to Compete,on a JUST AND HONEST,PRINCIPAL
FOUNDATION.The NAB Ed Fritz,Jeff Baumann,and Steve Bookshester have Taken
the Communications Act's of 1927 & 1934,1996 and used it with Total
Disregard
Aganist 99.9 % of the Peoples Democracy.

figures can lie and liars can figure. that's the bottom line on
the interpretation of some of those studies,Conducted by The NAB

The studies indicate there is a huge amount of
existing radios that will NOT support lpfm reception
and reject 2nd channel and in some cases 3rd
channel.

which studies?

is the huge amount purely a quantity of receivers or the number
of models studied. if the latter are there numbers to determine
the percentage penetration of the consumer market for each
model. is there any aging on these studies or are we talking
about all the receivers ever made.

according to the studies i've seen most of the receivers that

don't discriminate between the desired channel and 2nd
or

3rd
adjacents also receive interference on 4th adjacents,
often at
similar levels. those receivers shouldn't be included
in
any study
because they fail the current regulatory standard.

which raises the question, what do you mean by lpfm
reception?
second and third adjacent stations are commonplace in
many
areas. are you saying that these radios don't work in
those
places. i'm not aware of a huge outcry from the
consumer
because of these existing 3rd and 2nd adjacents. why
would
lower powered facilities pose a problem?

Ed Frits Your A Scam!
Your Test Will Prove to be a Scam,There is Not 28 Kind Of Radios In the American Publics Hand As of This date,You must of Tested Watch radios and 1950's Sleeve Radios. Your a Joke and a Foolish Old Man looking to Stuff His Pockets,and You Want Supreme White Corporate America Power!

YES or NO NAB

Frits i will win in Court. Your NAB Stations Refuse to put my Wife Olga on the air even just once a Month 2 hours you know why she
plays Black R&B Group Harmony Music From 1940's & 50's
Plus she Teaches about the Groups and Music.The Red Necks The Country
Bumkins are afraid they will loose Advertising Dollars to Promote Black Kids from 1950's.
Discrimination Etc.

There is not 28 Radios of Kind in the Universe,Ed you must of tested Watch Radios,to 1950's shirt slevve Radios You are a SCAM Ed Frits

NAB Stations Cause Huge

Interfearence, CREATE CHAOS
ON THE AIRWAVES.The NAB Wants LPFM FCC
Docket MM 99-25
to be the Fall Guy.Solve the Problem FCC give LPFM Equal Spectrum
How????
Go out and Limit The NAB Stations to 10 to 3000 WATTS as stated in
the 1934
Communications Act to Serve Only your Community,Not Several States.

TO:
Honorable Congress:
FCC:
Honorable Chairman Kennard:
Honorable Commi8ssioners:
NAB:
NAB Legal Team:

Frits You have a problem with two WORDS YES or NO Where is my
Trust Fund
Yes or No
Your Study Said Maybe,Should ,Probably and Who Knows LPFM will
cause some
Interfearence ?????? Frits i want a Simple Yes or No.

Frits we don't want to Fight we are Probably Old Viet Nam Buddies
Fighting
for Civil and Constitutional Rights.

*********PUNITIVE DAMAGE**********
LISTEN FRITS IF YOU SCREW THIS LPFM UP THREW YOUR
LIES I WILL TAKE YOU TO
CIVIL RIGHTS COURT FOR A JURY TRIAL FOR CIVIL AND MY
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT
AS AN AMERICAN!
AND I WILL WIN IN A JURY TRIAL.

Frits your more of a thief then i thought,IBOC is going to
make
the Consumer buy all new receivers
where's the grounds for arguing against lpfm on the basis of
poor performance from some receivers "PLUS THIS IS
HERESAY". the consumers with
those under-engineered under-performing receivers are
gonna
have to buy new ones. simple

HERE WE GO AGAIN THE NAB TEST ARE HERESAY ANOTHER
SCAM 6 Million Might
ENCOUNTER INTERFERENCE??????????? 6 Million is a Drop in the
Ocean If
true. "YES or NO Frits

NAB's press release about
its Written Comments.

NAB tests "show" that 6 million listeners might encounter interference
from

LP-100s -- out of all the listeners in 60 markets that were examined.

6 million listeners out of HOW MANY MILLIONS in those 60 markets?
EVEN IF
everything the NAB claims is true (Ahem!!), this sounds like a
localized,
manageable problem to me!!

For Your Infomation: PASS FCC DOCKET MM 99-25

TO: The FCC :
TO: Ed Frits of The NAB:

Hey Ed Your Station is way over Rated he only needs 200 watts to serve
his
Community not 100 Thousand Watts to serve 6 states. There SEVERAL
STATIONS
ACROSS UNITED STATES WITH HUGE INTERFEARENCE
PROBLEMS DUE TO HUGE ILLEGAL
WATTAGE OF THOUSANDS!!

Heres a Prime Example of Misuse of the
1934 & 1996 Act's.

Ocean City Md. is 10 miles long and 3 miles wide,a 200 watt
Transmitter with a Cicular Polarization Omni Antenna would
Cover the Community with No problem You the FCC Licensed NAB
Froggy 99.9 FM in Ocean City Md. for 100 Thousand Watts he
transmits to 6 states is this communirty radio i think not this
bum is keeping me and others in 6 states from useing 99.9 FM
Frequincey,you the FCC need to go around the country and
knock down all these stations to 10 to 3000 watts,this is your
interfearence problem,a good lawyer can make a case of
this,DISCRIMINATION ETC.

PS FORGOT TO MENTION THE CLOSEST 99.9 FM IS CT. &
GA.THIS BUM HAS
EASTCOAST
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Subject: Comments to the Chairman

James A. Harding (hardings@apex.net) writes:

Dear Chairman Kennard,

I wish to applaud you, and make my comments known concerning the upcoming decision by the Commission on whether or not to permit microbroadcasters to operate at 1000 watts or less with a reach of no more than 8.8 miles. I AM ALL FOR IT!! I have been in the broadcasting profession since 1972, and radio has become as boring as the old network television system prior to the diversification created via cable and satellite technology. Too many of today's stations are being gobbled-up by large corporate interests, with no room for the "little guy". There are too many "cookie-cutter" formats of the same type of music. I live in the Nashville market, so I can listen to the same formats of "Today's Hot/New/Young Country" played 12 various ways, yet, all sounding the same. It's like going to a buffet and finding only chicken on the menu...fried, broiled, bar-B-q'd, it doesn't matter...it's still ALL chicken!
At the proposed power restrictions, I don't see how the "Big Boys" could believe that their signals would be interfered-with. They are most lilkely afraid that they would lose revenue to the microbroadcasters who might actually provide them with what they REALLY would like to listen to! I've felt for a long time that ther are too many good BUSINESS people in radio, and not enough good RADIO people! I sincerely hope that the Commission approves this proposal. And, thank YOU for having the guts and foresight to have proposed ut!!

Yours very truly,

James A. Harding (a.k.a. Jim Myers)
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WBVR-FM ("The Beaver")
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comments: I say, "No!" to low power FM radio! Let democracy rule! The big corporate radio stations will play what the majority of the masses want otherwise they won't get any listeners and thus no sponsers. That's democracy American style! Besides I would like to drive more than ten miles before I lose a station.

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