

I want to state my personal opposition to the current Low Power FM proposal and I want to urge the Commission to not approve it as proposed.

I believe the current proposal will not meet the goals of a diversity of voices.

I believe it will have significant detrimental impact on existing broadcasters, especially the individuals and private companies which still own some of the stations in this country. As consolidation has grown, the private owners are facing an even tougher battle to compete.

The desire for a greater diversity of voices is good.

However, with Internet broadcasting already a reality, with satellite direct to home audio broadcasting literally on the horizon, with the potential for High Definition Television audio-only channels, there are and will be more opportunities for diversity of voices. Also, all of these will compete with existing commercial broadcasters.

The FM band should be retained in its current form, at least until we have a better understanding of the impact of these new media and until there is a clear plan for in band/out of band terrestrial digital broadcasting.

One of the early strengths of FM was it's quality of signal compared to the AM (Standard Broadcast) band. Part of this was the type of modulation but part of this was the adequate separation of co-channel and adjacent channel transmitters. We need to try not to degrade FM any more by not degrading the technical standards.

Again, I respectfully urge the Commission to take no action on the Low Power FM proposal at this time.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my views on this matter.

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