

Low Power radio stations are very much needed by American Indian communities. Many tribes do not have a large enough population base to have their music styles, governmental and educational issues seriously considered by larger, mainstream stations. Present programming is aimed at a narrow scope of "average listeners" and most American Indian populations do not fall within that scope. Radio stations often do not include news items dealing with American Indian issues, even if a nearby reservation exists and is within the transmission range. Today the internet allows a better flow of information between national agencies, organizations, federal and state governments, and Indian tribes but most Indian people still do not have computers so remain isolated from topical news events or announcements which directly impact their communities. Low Power radio stations could be utilized by tribes to distribute information in a less costly way than the present system: U.S. Postal Service direct mailings. Please keep in mind that most tribes do not have gaming revenues and the few that do are not making as much money as thought by the general public. Direct mailings are costly, even for a tribe as small as 1,000, and then too the time delay in getting information disseminated is frustrating. I hope the Low Power radio station service is approved.