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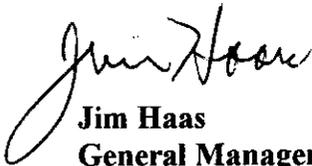
I write to you today as the operator of a stand-alone small market 1kw daytime radio station in rural Pennsylvania with concerns about the proposed low power FM radio issue. Those concerns follow.

As I'm sure your realize, it is difficult enough for stations like mine to become and remain profitable. Low power FM radio would make survival impossible. The advertising base in small markets cannot possibly support more radio stations. Even in the larger markets it is difficult for AM stations to make it, and with the advent of low power FM it is just that much more difficult.

If low power FM licenses are granted they should have to operate under the same guidelines as I do including all the public service obligations and engineering standards. If not, this will only accomplish legal piracy. As I read through the proposal it was not clear whether these licenses require these standards.

I can only ask you to be sure this is a necessary step for the FCC to consider taking. It does not appear that total consideration has been allowed to provide stations like mine to have a fair chance to properly serve my community. This, in fact, is why we are on the air right now. To serve our community first and foremost. Please take the time to think through this important issue before you decide on my future and on the future of many others with the same concerns.

Sincerely,


Jim Haas
General Manager

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