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May 31, 1999

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 Office of the Secretary
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 Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Federal Communications Commissioners,

On behalf of the people of Eagle County, Colorado, I encourage you to adopt your Low Power FM (LPFM) proposal to create licenses for radio stations broadcasting at 1000 watts, 100 watts and 1-10 watts.

Our rural community currently has no local public radio station due, in part, to the prohibitive costs associated with licensing and equipping such a station under current FCC rules and regulations. A recent broadcast engineering study funded by a grassroots group of locals here found no available frequencies on the noncommercial portion of the FM spectrum, where a Denver-based statewide National Public Radio affiliate and a Christian network broadcaster based hundreds of miles away now dominate the airwaves. Experts estimate that obtaining a frequency in the commercial portion of the FM spectrum (by competing at auction against well-funded commercial broadcasters) could cost \$100,000 or more, a daunting price that is well beyond the means of our not-for-profit community group.

We've closely watched and cheered the triumph of our state's newest community radio station, KAFM, which recently began broadcasting in Grand Junction, 170 miles to the west. Yet the seven years of sweat equity and more than \$150,000 invested to win a license and bring the diminutive 16-watt station to the airwaves illustrates the high hurdles small communities like ours must overcome in order to develop even the most basic community radio service. Such barriers to entry into the radio marketplace unfairly favor commercial and noncommercial behemoths at the expense of smaller, local owners and consequently undermine the quality of radio broadcasts in our community.

That quality continues to decline in the wake of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Since the act's passage, five of the six commercial stations broadcasting in our county have come under the control of a single company, removing already scant local programming and replacing it with preprogrammed play lists, dj's and national talk show hosts piped in via satellite. Not only have community voices and ideas been eliminated here, they've been replaced with haughty diatribe (Rush Limbaugh, Dr. Laura and Don Imus, just to name a few) that more often than not fails to reflect the interests of our community.

We fully understand the concerns of current broadcasters to protect the integrity of the signals they've paid so much to monopolize. Yet we believe that advances in broadcast technology, including the proliferation of digital tuners in our homes and cars, can allow additional low power stations to coexist with larger broadcasters. We therefore suggest

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you allow new low-power stations to occupy the third- and even the second-adjacent channels beside existing signals.

As for the scope of the current FCC proposal, to ensure local programming, we suggest you require licenses be granted only to individuals who live in their proposed service area, and that each station owner be limited to a single broadcast license. Furthermore, we suggest that you allow unlicensed broadcasters who voluntarily stopped their broadcasts before low power licenses were available be allowed to apply for and obtain the new low power licenses.

Our only other quibble is with your recommendation to give priority to 1,000-watt stations over those using less broadcast power. While we would welcome the opportunity to apply and obtain a 1,000-watt low-power broadcast license, we also recognize that small community broadcasters in more populated areas around the nation would likely be squeezed out of the market (or would never be able to enter it) if 1,000-watt stations were given "primary service" broadcast rights. Thus we strongly suggest that your final proposal either eliminate this licensing preference, or remove the 1,000-watt category altogether. Furthermore, we suggest you give serious consideration to the creation of a 1-10-watt license category, which will likely go farther to promote the cause of diversity in broadcasting than any higher-wattage licenses you may grant.

In support of the creation of low power licenses, I happily submit a petition with the names and addresses of 200 Eagle County, Colorado, residents who believe our community would be greatly enhanced by the establishment of a low-power community-owned and operated FM station. By approving the proposed low power FM licenses, you would help give our community the local voice it needs and deserves.

Thank you,

Alex Markels
P.O. Box 985
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970-827-9503

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Name	Address	Phone
1. Scott Norman	2875 Manns Ranch Rd Vail 81657	970 476 8751
2. NATE CHAMBERS	P.O. Box 8554 BUELVENRIDGE CO 80424	970-547-4101 "YEAH"
3. Ashleigh Anderson	5601 S. Jibel Wy Aurora	80015 303-766-3856
4. ROBERT WEBER (DJ)	VALE (GOLF CREEK COUNTRY CLUB) CASE	
5. John Sullivan	Vail	949-4840
6. Dart Johnson	1212 FINE FOREST DRIVE CO 80706	331-6734
7. Jason Hebel	675 Lionshead Circle	476-8341
8. Garrett Miguel	1000 Timber Ridge #41 Frontage Road	
9. Christina Chedwo	Sumner	740-1235
10. Bub	Colman Boulder	6645041
11. Star (S.P.)	PAGAN Vail	476-3390
12. Matt Sitter	6974 RIAN GULCH RD. SILVERTHORPE CO. 80935	
13. Erick	Vantuyt 626 E 20th St NY, NY 10009	

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Name	Address	Phone
1. James Spear	Box 5001 Breckenridge CO 80424	970 453 1595
2. Susan Roussier	1116 Sandstone Rd #102	479-7410
3. Bobby Silversman	P.O. Box 142 Edwards	748-8425
4. Bill Dundy	P. Box 1207 Vail	949-4277
5. Eug Engelhorn	245 Pine St Minturn	
6. James Brennan	0054 Columbine Cr. Eagle Vail	843-7865
7. Larry Winston	1534 Sansome Cr Aurora, CO	
8. Fred Wentzell	P.O. Box 421 Alma Colo 80420	
9. Elwood BARRETT	689 CR12A P.O.# 22 ALMA, CO 80420	
10. Debbie Knight	6249 Claremont Chicago, IL 60659	
11. Michele Z	Box 2053 Avon, CO 81620	
12. Reta A. Devigne	PO BOX 6075 Avon CO 81620	
13. John Goldfarb	P.O. Box # 1488 VAIL CO 81657	

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Name	Address	Phone
1. Jim Justice	2801 BASINGDALE BLV. #8	476-6469
2. JOHN S. TAMERIN JR	54 COLUMBINE CIRCLE, AVON, CO 81620	(827) 9590
3. Amy Minarski	PO Box 515 Minturn CO 81645	
4. Ken Klein ^{PO}	4915 Vail	845-7286
5. Chad Yost	P.O. Box 1104 Minturn CO 81645	827-4234
6. Ann Federowicz	1706 Geneva Dr. Vail, Co.	
7. Joanna Roe	1710 Geneva #2	476-6180
8. Amy DUNLAP	PO BOX 5906 VAIL, CO.	81658
9. Trina Stauff	205 Baldwin Hall Stevens Point, WI 54481	715-346- 2461
10. Megan Carolan	223 Baldwin Hall Stevens Pt., WI 54481	715-346- 2418
11. Brian Neely	PO 1605 Vail CO	81657 479-1098
12. Trinity Swape	1706 Geneva Dr Vail CO	81657
13. Rosemary Wentzell	Box 7458 Breck	9704537506

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| 1. Danny Shapiro | | 845-7301 |
| 2. Brandi Harger | P.O. Box 5092 Dillon CO | 313-0209 |
| 3. U. Dudley | PO Box 4880 ^{TRIZO} CO | 608-8088 |
| 4. Scott Schell | PO Box 2603 FRESNO CO, | 485-0566 |
| 5. Christopher Garcia | P.O. Box 1792 Silverthorne, CO | 4682908 |
| 6. Wally Proff | P.O. Box 1179 MINTURN, CO | 81645 |
| 7. A M W | 5197 BLACK GORE, #1 VAIL, CO | 81657 |
| 8. [Signature] | PO Box 18515 Avon Co | 81620 |
| 9. [Signature] | PO Box 7574 Avon, CO | 81620 |
| 10. [Signature] | P.O. 1876 VAIL CO. | 81657 |
| 11. Stewart Jallo | 1431 Kendall Boulder, CO | 80303 |
| 12. Marilever | 1431 Kendall Dr. Boulder, CO | 80303 |
| 13. David Back | P.O. Box 1497, Avon, CO | 81620 |

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1. David Davis	PO BOX 11901 Aspen	925-2549
2. Kimberly Nadelini	420 Hoffman Ave. Millersden	
3. Kevin Green	Box 211 Vail Co. 81658	
4. Brad Maraccini	Box 4730 Dillon Co, 80435	
5. Steven Thrall	PO BOX 1591 Eagle CO	81631
6. Barbara DiDio	Germany	49-711-773-8965
7. Rodney Coquin	Box 3337 Vail	949-6258
8. Ali Banks	PO Box 605 Breckenridge	453 5610
9. Danny Caballero	12345 East Cove Dr.	32826
10. Todd Turner	PO Box 18332 Avon CO	81620
11. OREN WOOD	Box 2936 VAIL, CO	81658
12. Alex Abbott	PO 2101 Dillon Co	80435
13. Joe Rys	424 W 33rd St	NYC 10001

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1. BRETT DEUTSCHER	PO 4848 VAIL CO 81658	970 479 7339
2. ALA MARKELS	POB 985 MINTURN CO 81645	970-827-9503
3. JACKIE OGDEN	1040 VAIL VIEW #205	476-2836
4. Sam Myhre	8201 Eastwood dr Lincoln NE	
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8. ALEX WATKINS	1 CREST COURT BALTIMORE	
9. MICHAEL JOHNSON	1410 ST PAUL DENVER CO 802	(410) 54-9921 (303) 329-3589
10. Tara M. Wefing	P.O. Box 3532 Breckenridge, CO 80424	(970) 547-034
11. Denise Gotthold	P.O. Box 191620	(303) 926-2423
12. Erica Samach	PO Box 8840 Keystone, CO	
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1. Fridley's Antiques	12 So. Frontage Rd Vail	970 479-7888
2. Tim Bjendson	PO Box 1028 Vail CO 81658	845-1006
3. Ross Palmer	PO Box 2234 Vail CO 81658	(970) 827-9101
4. Megan Baxter	PO Box 515 Minturn CO 81645	827-9890
5. Sean Crowley	PO 771 Avon, CO, 81620	920-6897
6. USA Walter Stewart	1865 Main St, Minturn, CO 81645	(970) 827-4234
7. John R. DeWitt	231 main s + minturn Co	
8. Jeremy Bennett	274 P.O. Box Minturn CO 81645	827-9878
9. Adam Anderson	P.O. Box 3922 Avon CO 81620	845-9627
10. Greg Conway	PO Box 2729 Avon 81620	
11. Jeff Kennedy	Box 442 MINTURN	81645
12. Jane Anderson	Box 1077 MINTURN, CO.	827-4046 81645
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1. Joe Smith Bloch	1736 Race St. Denver 80206	949-4100
2. Ruth Bloch	11 Jasmine St Denver 80220	377-3503
3. LARRY McMAHER	PO Box 19225 Avon CO 81620	926-8913
4. Kenneth A. Roberts	PO Box 5631 Vail CO 81658	748-8758
5. W. L. ...	PO Box 2979 Vail CO 81658	748-9384
6. Robert ...	Box 5631 Vail CO 81658	476-4433
7. Chris Lloyd	PO 6298 Vail CO 81658	748-9384
8. Prof E ...	PO 6298 Vail CO 81658	376-3752
9. Bonnie Briggs	POB 1814 Vail 81658	949-9954
10. Dan Pallister	Box 751 Avon 81620	328-5222
11. Caroline Bradford	Box 212 Red Cliff 81649	827-4203
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1. Elizabeth Haggart	512 Main St. Minturn Co 81645	970-827-9502
2. Tim Campbell	512 Main St Minturn CO	970 827 9504
3. Lance Larson	P.O. Box 554 Avon CO	81620 970 827-9502
4. E. Gaultth Polo	PO Box 1715 Breckenridge 80424	970/513-1661
5. Michael B. H.	PO BOX 18374 AVON CO.	81620 970.926.155E
6. Amy Myfandla	POB 33 Edwards	(970) 926 - 1405
7. Katherine J. Veine	P.O. 6734 Avon	970/949-1706
8. Debi L. Schildhaus	P.O. Box 2356 Avon	970-845-9807
9. Meghan Bensen	PO Box 1713 Avon,	970-926-2711
10. Barbara E. Block	PO BOX 184 EDWARDS	926-6700
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1. Mark Andrews	PO BOX 5682 Vail, CO	
2. Edman	PO Box 2570 Edwards, CO	81632
3. Sigret P. Wang	PO BOX 2984 AVON, CO	81620
4. Sean Ware	P.O. Box 3472 Avon, CO	81620
5. Jay Mat	Box 1036 VAIL, CO	845-7522
6. CHRIS Covino	PO BOX 4933 VAIL CO	81658
7. Bl Johnston	PO Box 500 Edwards	81632
8. [Signature]	PO Box 3445, Avon CO	81620 949-9225
9. Jack Jim	P.O. Box 1,006 Herndon VA	20404
10. [Signature]	PO Box 6145 Avon CO	81620
11. Ken [Signature]	PO Box 452 AVON, CO	81620
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1. Brian Hamed	P.O. Box 357 Avon	845-8718
2. Tom Puzlow	P.O. Box 7644 Avon	926-427
3. Rich Zimmerman	Box 1930 Avon	845-8127
4. Debra Dettz	P.O. Box 1541 Vail CO	81658 9497170
5. Brian Carey	P.O. Box 741 Edwards CO	
6. Kelly Eberly	Box 741 Edwards, CO	
7. Jeff [unclear]	PO BOX 2302 Edwards	926-6030
8. Julie Morrow	P.O. Box 2302 Edwards, CO.	
9. Chad Ford	P.O. box 6472 VAIL CO	81658
10. Melinda Stall	PO Box 442 VAIL CO	81658
11. Brent McLaughlin	P.O. 1138 Mintum CO	81645
12. Heather M. Stolz	P.O. Box 8192 Avon CO	845-8362 81620
13. NANCY LENNON	PO Box 2064 Vail CO	

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| 2. Doreen... | PO Box 7644 Avon, CO 81620 | 926-0427 |
| 3. Sean Derrin | PO Box 3363 | 926-3500 |
| 4. Monique Beck | 1081 Vail View Dr # B112 | 476-1793 |
| 5. Lisa Derrin | PO Box 3363 | 926-2522 |
| 6. G. Fender | PO Box 118 Minturn | 827-5463 |
| 7. Jennie Engstrom | PO 118 Minturn | 827-5463 |
| 8. Marc A. Splittgerber | PO Box 2379 Edwards, CO | 926-6204 |
| 9. Paul Clark | 1500 E BOGART SANDUSKY, OH 44873-7188
1045 EDWARDS VILLAGE BLV. | |
| 10. CHRIS AMOROSI | PO 1853 EDWARDS CO. 81632 | 970-926-5555 |
| 11. Heather Forbes | P.O. Box 6471 Avon Co. 81620 | |
| 12. Craig R. Sison | P.O. Box 6471 Avon, CO 81620 | |
| 13. David Miles | Box 171 EDWARDS 81632 | |
| 14. Suzanne Burnett | Box 2033 Vail 81158 | |

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2. Melanie McKinney	P.O. Box 2402 Edwards 81632	926-2787
3. CRAIG HAUSCHILDT	PO BOX 2000 VAIL 81658	949-1203
4. Steve Kirko	PO Box 2517 Edwards CO 81632	926-5303
5. Ken + Vicki Williamson	1329 Pitkin Ave GWS	
6. Vicki & Ken Williamson	1329 Pitkin Ave Apt # 18 GWS CO.	970-928-0664
7. Brian Malloy	PO. Box 1715 Edwards Co 81632	
8. Dana M. Voljarec	PO BOX 4442 AVON, CO 81620	
9. Jason Bonmar	PO Box 6943 Avon CO 81620	
10. ERIC BORGERSON	PO Box 4642 VAIL, CO. 81658	
11. Josh Collins	103 W. 89 NYC 10024	
12. David Clegg	2039 Champlain #4 VAIL	376-4498
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2. Kenneth Abbott	HCR 81 Box 161 BOND	653-4383
3. Sara Moutz	P.O. Box 2393 Vail	926-0216
4. Kelly Moutz	PO Box 2393 Vail	926-0216
5. Zac Lloyd	PO Box 6298 Vail	748-9384
6. Pam Hess	PO 3376 Avon 81620	926-5636
7. KRISTIN Raymond	P.O. Box 646 GYPSUM 81622	926-1675
8. Mark Bickensstaff	2935 Manns Ranch Rd Vail 81657	476-3043
9. David Lee Coffey	P.O. Box 215 Minturn 81645	827-5214
10. JB aka John Blandhard	PO Box 2151 (Yeah RFM.P) (970) 827-5214 1251 Main #11 Minturn, Co 81645	
11. Anna Meyer	PO 1533 Vail	81658 390-5249
12. Kristin Lundgren	PO Box 5241 VAIL, CO	476-4063

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1. BEN GILBERT	P.O. Box 2255 EDWARDS CO. 81632	748 1374
2. APRIL PIERCE	PO BOX 2887 EDWARDS CO 81632	748-0497
3. HARRIS CARLOCK	" " 2255 "	" 748-1374
4. John Stuart	P.O. Box 1399 Avon Co 81620	
5. MYLE ROBERTS	PO 19420 Avon Co - 81620	
6. CHRIS BRANN	PO BOX 512 EDWARDS, CO. 81632	
7. Matt Sauer	P.O. Box 4637 Vail, CO 81658	
8. AUSSA ROBINSON	P.O. Box 2212 Edwards Co. 81632	
9. Lisa Lucas	PO BOX 7192 AVON CO. 81620	
10. Joy Paul	P.O. Box 535 AVON, CO 81620	949-0704
11. Susannah Davis	PO Box 4691 Avon, CO 81620	748-0960
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We strongly support adoption of the FCC's Low Power FM (LPFM) proposals to create licenses for radio stations broadcasting at 1000 watts, 100 watts and 10 watts. Our rural community currently has no local public radio station due, in part, to the prohibitive costs associated with licensing and equipping such a station under current FCC rules and regulations. Furthermore, in the wake of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, commercial and noncommercial stations from outside our community have monopolized the available FM frequencies and prevented us from gaining access to the local airwaves. This is a disservice to our community, which would be greatly enhanced by the establishment of a low-power community-owned and operated FM station. By approving the proposed Low Power FM licenses, you would help give our community the local voice it needs and deserves.

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