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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Ref: MM Docket No. 99-25

Dear Sirs,

I wish to voice our opposition to the Commission's establishment of a low power radio service.
In the last ten years or so, we saw a proliferation of stations across the country causing a financial strain on the industry. The Telcom Act somewhat remedied that in the larger markets. Will the creation of a low power service re-create the problem in medium and small markets? There are many frequencies still available under the 80-90 rule. The low power service will not impact the larger markets, but can greatly increase the number of stations already in medium to small markets. Are they economically viable? How will it impact my station, which struggles in a small market western Oklahoma community?
We already have a cluttered FM band, and will potentially 4,000 new stations just add more clutter to the band?
We are looking forward to the implementation of IBOC digital radio in the near future. What about the potential interference problems that can be caused by this service?
Can the FCC take on the additional task of efficiently policing all of the stations created by this new service?
The low power FM radio service may sound great in theory, but as a small market FM operator, we are greatly concerned with the potential problems it can cause.

Sincerely,

Marsha Strong
owner/manager

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