

As general manager of an AM-FM combo on the Vermont-New York border I oppose creation of low-power FM service. (1) the average number of radio stations that can be heard anywhere in the U-S is over 30 now. (2) There are not enough ad revenues to sustain more radio stations - even with the current economic upswing we have had difficulty making ends meet. (3) Too many radio stations created bankruptcies and loss of local service in the last recession - why should the FCC repeat past mistakes? (4) We will put our record of public service up against anyone - since that seems to be one drive behind creating low-power FM service (according to a pirate radio station on Post Road in Rutland - who even advertises in a local newspaper and has articles written about him.)

There are costs associated with running a radio station (1) buying initial equipment (donations are hard to come by - just ask the college stations). (2) electricity (unless you power a 10 watt by solar power) (3) programming/personnel (very high if you want to stay live - volunteers are waning for worthwhile projects now, even in this high-volunteer area). (4) repairs - current rates for engineers average 40 dollars an hour and up. SOMEONE has to pick up the costs, unless you want