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William Kennard, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M. Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 99-25

I very strongly oppose the concept of "Low Power FM" radio stations.

I feel the proposed relaxation of interference protection contours in order to permit additional Low Power FM Frequencies would only cause the destruction of integrity to the FM Band. The interference caused by the additional stations would be substantial. And to radio stations, such as ours, who rely on quality of signal in relative fringe areas, it would be completely detrimental and possibly disastrous.

Also, it seems the areas that would be most affected by these new stations would be medium and small market locations, as most major markets have already reached a virtual frequency saturation. As a single owner station in one of these vulnerable markets, in all probability, we would not survive in any aspect - listenership, commercial value, or revenue.

And may I also add, the FCC is already strained to enforce the rules and regulations for existing Radio and Television stations. Is there any way, with the current manpower and funding, to police thousands of possible "rogue" Low Power stations?

Once again, I would like to state that I am very opposed to the addition of Low Power FM stations and strongly urge the FCC to stop any further action in its support.

Sincerely,

Arthur Patrick  
President  
Pat-Tower, Inc

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