

To whom it may concern:

I would like to share my comments about the rule making of the three new classes of FM stations, better know as Low Power FM...docket no. MM 99-25. This letter is addressed to the Federal Communications Commission.

My name is Kevin Bishop and I live in Magee Mississippi, a small town of about 4800 good folk and few old soreheads. As a child growing up I remember our local radio stations, 107.5 FM and 8.10 AM, meeting the needs of our community. For example, telling who was in the local hospital, who had passed away, and all the local news. They covered all the local football games, had a swap shop, and gave local forecast for all the local farmers along with market reports. It was a great experience for me as a teenager to visit the radio stations and even take apart in some of the shows offered by the stations. As I grew older and was elected into public office the station granted to me a weekly talk show, and I fell in love with broadcasting.

About 10 years ago or so the FM station was sold and was moved 50 miles away. No longer was there any local news, or anything to help our local community in getting the information that we had become so accustomed to. Even though the license, even today, is still licensed to MAGEE MS, we have no radio station. The AM station was sold and is continuous talk radio that is fed from somewhere way off.

The people of our community miss our radio station, and with out any other allotments in our area, the hope for another radio station has all but been lost. When I learned of the new classes of FM I was overwhelmed with joy. You see this is our only hope of getting the service that every city and town deserves. I am praying and hoping that you will adopt the new classes of stations, stations that will be able to run commercials to support themselves, and give coverage so that they can reach those people who deserve to hear local news, local sports, local weather, and yes know who is in the hospital, who has passed away. The hope of owning my own radio station has once again sparked that longing in me to serve my community by informing them of things they want to know and need to know. I hope that you will give LPFM a chance and give me a chance because I feel that we have been done an injustice and we want local radio back.

sincerely,

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