

The FCC has not proposed a viable set of rules for low-power unlicensed transmitters. The proposed rules allow television broadcasters, who received their broadcast licenses for FREE, to charge for access to broadcast spectrum. The FCC appears to be further hobbling the potential for networking through its refusal to trust the reliability of already proven technologies for interference control. Proposed mitigation measures will make it practically impossible for community wireless networks (CWNs) and low-cost commercial wireless internet service providers (WISPs) to use the frequencies. This is clearly not in the public interest.