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Federal Communications Commission
Washington DC

Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees Comments

Docket 16-166

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The following comments are in reference to FCC 16-166 and the increase of FCC regulatory fees.

Blackbelt Broadcasting Inc. is the licensee of WLYB FM Livingston Alabama. We provide radio service in one the most financially challenged Counties in the country.

Most small businesses (including radio) find it a struggle to generate revenue and keeping the doors open.

In recent months, we have lost a grocery store, and several other businesses.

Our community doesn't have a car dealership, a full hospital facility, or furniture store. Even our post office is open on a limited schedule. Advertising revenue is limited.

We calculate that as a class A FM facility, our regulatory fees will increase by 40%.

We respectfully request that the proposed fee increase (and structure) be revaluated, and consider the burden this will put on many small rural broadcasters.

If this proposal is approved, a waiver or fee reduction is requested for stations that can provide financial documentation on how the proposed rate increase is a financial burden.

Sincerely,

Damon Collins
President
Blackbelt Broadcasting Inc