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PETITION FOR RULEMAKING FILED

(Interested persons may file statements opposing or supporting the Petition for Rulemaking listed herein by April 27, 1998; replies are due by May 26, 1998. An Acrobat version of the full text of the Petition for Rulemaking is available through the Mass Media internet page (<http://www.fcc.gov/mmb/>) or can be downloaded directly from: http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/filings/rm9242.pdf.)

RM NO.	RULES SEC.	PETITIONER	DATE REC'D	NATURE OF PETITION
9242	Rule Parts 73 and 74	J. Rodger Skinner, Jr. TRA Communications Consultants, Inc. 6431 NW 65th Terrace Pompano Beach, FL 33067-1546	02/20/98	<p>Request amendment of FM Broadcast Service Rules to create 3 new classes of lower power stations to provide small-scale, low-cost radio service that would provide enhanced broadcasting opportunities for individuals and small business to offer local/niche programming, special event coverage and other specialized broadcasts not routinely available on full power FM stations.</p> <p>One class of stations would be licensed as a primary service, (coverage typically 15 miles or less) using levels of effective radiated power (ERP) between 50 watts and 3 kilowatts and antenna heights above average terrain (HAAT) up to 328 ft.</p> <p>A second class of stations would be licensed on a secondary basis to regular FM stations to provide</p>

localized coverage (typically 5 miles or less) using ERP levels from 1 watt to 50 watts and a maximum HAAT of 150 feet.

A third class of stations would be licensed on a secondary basis to all other stations for the purpose of providing special event coverage for up to 10 days using a maximum ERP of 20 watts and a maximum HAAT of 100 feet.

Only commercial FM channels (i.e. channels 221-300) would be available for these new classes of service. Interference protection involving these proposed stations would be based on co-channel and 1st adjacent channel (+/- 200 kHz signal levels. No consideration would be given to 2nd adjacent (+/- 400 kHz) or 3rd adjacent (+/- 600 kHz) channel signals or to 10.6 MHz and 10.8 MHz inter-modulation frequencies.

Ownership would be limited to entities residing within 50 miles of a station and no licensee would be permitted to own more than 3 stations nationwide. Applications would be submitted during one-week filing windows and lotteries would be used to resolve mutually exclusive applications.

(Note: Creation of a low power FM service was also the subject of RM-9208. See FCC Public Notice 2254, released February 5, 1998; Order Extending Time (DA 98-437 released march 5, 1998). An Acrobat version of the full text of this petition for Rule Making, RM-9208, is available through the mass media internet page (<http://www.fcc.gov/mmb/>) or can be downloaded directly from: http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Filings/rm9208.pdf.