

Consumer Informal Comment for FCC Proceeding RM-11753

To the Commission~

It's less than 5 years since the FCC opened up large numbers of channels to non-profit local entities for Low-Powered FM stations. Many applicants have only recently received their acknowledgement of approval.

I feel it's quite premature to revisit the issue as to whether or not these stations should be allowed to run commercial material. There's simply no evidence that these stations would be more capable of surviving if they ran commercial matter. Their current problem seems to be getting the money for start-up costs even PRIOR to broadcasting.

Educational radio stations have been constrained by non-commercial rules for over 70 years. The Commission has never seriously acted to allow these stations to run even limited amounts of commercial content. Yet few have folded because of their inability to raise funds by commercializing their sponsorships. More often they've folded because of an FCC Fine or enforcement action.

I'm also concerned that some entities intended to request such a reversal to the stipulated terms of their application so soon after submission. It suggests that they intended this all along, and their action may have the consequence of meaning that a station who could fully meet those criteria during the application period was denied a LPFM license by the commission.

For reasons of simply fairness the Commission should not allow stations to renege on their commitments so soon after the initial application period.

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