

Under the proposed rulemaking, FCC 99-25, Low Power FM service, why not offer owners of small, "local" frequencied AM's first chance at a frequency, maybe in exchange for their AM frequency.

This opportunity for these owners will allow them to remain competitive in their marketplace AND help to clean up a very overcrowded band/frequency. Especially those on 1490, the single most populated frequency in the world. Adding low-power FM service to markets where these locals still operate will cut deeper into their profits and might even force them to go dark. This opportunity will give them a fighting chance.

The idea that you are NOT allowing the "Big Guys", Clear Channel, Jacor, EnterComm, et al., to obtain these frequencies is terrific! I got into radio 20 years ago in hopes that I might own and operate my own station some day. These hopes had dwindled considerably as the most desirable stations were bought up by the aforementioned big guns of the industry! This opportunity proves to me that you might be coming back to the land of Owner/Operators that are BROADCASTERS, not Real Estate Agents/Owners. CUDOS to you!

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