

I support the creation of a low-power FM broadcast service as described in 99-25. This service should be non-commercial, intended to provide community information and public access with a power output under 100 watts.

This service would meet the need for public access that is currently very difficult to achieve through the existing broadcasters, both commercial and non-commercial.

The service should be closely regulated for technical compliance. One way to help insure that the facilities are built and operated properly would be to require that a Chief Operator/Engineer, certified by the Society of Broadcast Engineers, be involved in the design, installation, and maintenance of the station's technical facilities. This would also help avoid interference to other stations and services from these new low-power stations.