

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )  
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2006 Quadrennial Regulatory Review – ) MB Docket No. 06-121  
Review of the Commission’s Broadcast )  
Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted )  
Pursuant to Section 202 of the )  
Telecommunications Act of 1996 )

To the Commission:

**Additional Request for Extension of Time from  
Nickolaus E. Leggett**

I am one of the original petitioners for the establishment of the Low Power FM (LPFM) radio broadcasting service (RM-9208 July 7, 1997 subsequently included in MM Docket 99-25). I am also a certified electronics technician (ISCET and NARTE) and an Extra Class amateur radio operator (call sign N3NL). I am an inventor holding three U.S. Patents. My latest patent is a wireless bus for digital devices and computers (U.S. Patent # 6,771,935). I have a Master of Arts degree in Political Science from the Johns Hopkins University. I am also one of the petitioners in the recent docket to establish a low power radio service on the AM broadcast band (RM-11287).

**Procedural Problems at the Commission**

I am greatly concerned by the report listed below from two of the Commissioners that the FCC is making decisions on media ownership before the public's comments are received.

This action directly violates my rights to submit comments on this FCC docket and it reduces the legitimacy of the FCC. I have interacted with the FCC for over 30 years and I have never seen it run this way before.

In the past, the Federal Communications Commission was a reasonable decision-making body that evaluated comments in a judicial manner. Now it has developed an attitude where the public's comments are something to be ignored, and the Commission is racing ahead for some unknown reason.

### **Legal Actions**

If I were a wealthy man, I would request the courts to examine this action by the Commission. However, I am not a wealthy man, and the courts are not practically available to non-wealthy people in the United States of America.

However, I have brought this issue up to my Senators and Representative. We must remain a Nation of law and proper procedure. All citizens should be allowed to participate in an open government. All citizens should be respected and their comments should not be ignored.

### **The Future of the Commission**

The Federal Communications Commission has a limited future if it continues to violate reasonable democratic procedures and the Administrative Procedures Act. There are factions who want the administrative branch to take over the functions of the FCC. These factions

are assisted by the Commission's sloppy and undemocratic procedures.

**Requested Actions**

Please establish a reasonable public comment period for comments on Chairman Martin's proposals on broadcasting and newspaper cross ownership. Also, please return the Commission to a reasonable and analytical approach where all citizens' comments are respected and considered.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**JOINT STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

AND COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN

We are deeply disappointed that the announced agenda for the December 18 open meeting includes media ownership. This is a huge mistake. The FCC should have heeded the calls of Congress and the American people to conduct a credible process on an issue of this importance to our very democracy. That means providing a meaningful opportunity for public input, rather than the callous disregard exhibited thus far – most recently, the Chairman circulated a draft decision on his proposal two weeks before public comment was even due! And it means taking meaningful action on minority and female ownership and broadcast localism, rather than the mish-mash of half-baked ideas currently before us.

We have been engaged in internal discussions to try to get our processes back on track. We wish those discussions had led to better results. At this point, given the lateness of the hour, we hope that either we can turn this around internally, or that Congress can save the FCC from itself.