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STATEMENT OF ACTING FCC CHAIRWOMAN MIGNON CLYBURN ON UPCOMING FILING WINDOW EMPOWERING LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO LAUNCH AND OPERATE LOW-POWER FM STATIONS

"I am pleased to announce the upcoming opening of the FCC's application window for Low-Power FM licenses, and encourage community groups to add new and diverse voices to their local broadcast communities. Local groups across the country will have a unique opportunity in October to apply for a license to provide LPFM radio broadcast services to their communities. The LPFM service holds the potential to add new voices to the nation's airwaves.

"The last filing window for this vital service was more than ten years ago. Now, through the passage of the Local Community Radio Act and the work of the Commission, local community groups - including those in many large and mid-sized markets - will have a new opportunity to acquire a license to launch and operate low-power local stations. This will create a broader LPFM service to augment the airwaves, so I encourage applicants to use the full resources and tools available from the Commission, such as the LPFM Channel Finder, to assist in their applications.

"I hope local communities across the country will galvanize in the next four months to take advantage of this unique opportunity."

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