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DEAR SIRs,

My HUSBAND AND I ARE SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING IN CLATSKANIE, OREGON. AS SUCH, WE HAVE NO ACCESS TO LOCAL NEWS OR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS — WE CANNOT AFFORD CABLE TELEVISION AND RELY ONLY ON OUR RADIO FOR NEWS AND OTHER INFORMATION. AS STATED IN THE ARTICLE I'VE ENCLOSED FROM OUR TOWN'S NEWSPAPER, THE CLATSKANIE CHIEF, CLATSKANIE IS IN DANGER OF LOSING ITS FM FREQUENCY (92.9 MHz) TO ANOTHER SMALL TOWN.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR AGENCY TO REMOVE OUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR RECEIVING LOCAL NEWS, AND TRANSFER TO ANOTHER SMALL TOWN. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STATION OWNER ISN'T REQUIRED TO BROADCAST OUR CLATSKANIE NEWS <sup>OUT</sup> HE MIGHT — AND JUDGING BY THE WAY LONGVIEW, WASHINGTON DISREGARDS OUR OREGON INFORMATION (DESPITE THE FACT CLATSKANIE AND LONGVIEW ARE JUST 15 MILES APART), IF OUR FM FREQUENCY MOVES FROM CLATSKANIE WE WILL NEVER HEAR LOCAL NEWS.

I REALIZE OUR LOCATION ISOLATES US, BUT PLEASE DON'T TAKE AWAY OUR CHANCE TO BE INFORMED WHEN LOCAL EMERGENCIES AND THE LIKE OCCUR.

Thank you, Doris G. Gresho (503.728.2349)

## ~ VIEWPOINT

## LETTERS

**Clatskanie needs an FM station**

More than a decade ago, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) allotted an FM frequency to Clatskanie, 92.9 MHz. A broadcast company, Threshold Communications, now holds a construction permit to build the station.

However, Threshold now wishes to move the frequency to Napavine, Wash. If Clatskanie loses this FCC allotment, we will likely never have the opportunity to have an FM station that specifically serves Clatskanie.

The public is allowed to comment to the FCC on a procedure, such as moving the frequency from Clatskanie. Mayor Diane Pohl has written an eloquent letter to the FCC pointing out that unlike Napavine, we are far from the nearest city, Longview. The stations there serve that area, as required by the FCC. Clatskanie news and events are almost never mentioned on those stations.

A station licensed to Clatskanie would be similarly required to present

news and events exclusive to Clatskanie and the surrounding area. In the event of a destructive windstorm, flooding, ice or snow, fires, disasters, etc., residents would learn of them on 92.9 FM. Should there be road closures, emergency shelters available, safety procedures, all-points bulletins from police, etc., the citizenry would be able to hear the news on the radio.

The FCC values serving the city with larger population. Napavine has roughly 60 more people to serve. However, as Mayor Pohl noted, Clatskanie will benefit from more than \$1 billion spent by the newest company at Port Westward. With the families that will move to the area, there may be hundreds of people added to the population.

As important as anything else, we, the residents in and around Clatskanie, will benefit. Although the programming is up to the station owner, imagine being able to hear updates on local sporting events, or sound bites, or even CMHS games on the radio, should the station owners want to do that. Local

organizations may have announcements broadcast about upcoming events or fundraisers, such as the Boy Scouts, Booster Club, and many more. Local churches may wish to publicize special services, outreach or other information you would never hear on a Longview/Kelso station. Remember they have their own city to cover, and we would have a station that is required to serve the needs of Clatskanie.

As soon as possible, please mail a letter to the FCC telling why you think Clatskanie needs an FM station, in your own words. That is what the FCC wishes to hear, from the citizens. It must be sent SOON. Please use the address below:

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*Thank you.  
Carol Brandt  
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