

24 February 2004

Mr Neil Stock
Head of Radio Planning Of com
Riverside House
2a Southwark Bridge Road LONDON
SE1 9HA

Dear Mr Stock

Re: Ofcom Consultation: A New Radio Station for CORNWALL

I have just heard that the new FM radio station promised to CORNWALL may now be incorporated into a regional station for the southwest, including parts of Devon.

I would like you to know that I find this suggestion utterly unacceptable. We in CORNWALL have been waiting for four years, so far, for a new commercial radio station for our own county. We do not want, or need, to be included with Devon yet again. What interest can there possibly be for CORNISH people in listening to commercials for businesses in Devon, or hearing of events in the next county? If we wanted to know about these, we would live there.

CORNW ALL is desperate for a new radio station, and I feel that we have waited long enough. The only locally produced programmes that we have access to are either a commercial pop music station, or a tedious BBC local station that produces far too much inane chit -chat. I have been a keen supporter of the first company to launch the idea of a new station, CKFM Kernow, since its inception, and I cannot believe how long the process is taking. CKFM kindly updates us with newsletters every so often, and each one seems to include news of yet more delays, first nom the Radio Authority and now this latest nonsense nom yourselves. CKFM seem to bear this very patiently, but I can tell you that several thousand locals are wondering what on earth is happening in our government offices.

I am relieved that those in charge of broadcasting in the u.K. are not in charge of Britain's defences, or we might still be wondering how to get to the Falklands, never mind Iraq. I am not a veteran of World War 2, but history tells me that it was brought to its conclusion in less than six years; so far, setting up a new radio in the UK has taken four. Need I say more?

Only this: Please grant CORNWALL its new licence and give the CORNISH people what they have been awaiting for so long.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

George Curnow