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What are your comments on these proposals?

SIBC believes that FM on Band II will remain the only affordable and practical mode of transmission for a small population, but wide area, radio station for the foreseeable future.

SIBC therefore welcomes a date no earlier than 2012 for the full consideration of the future of Band II and a migration to digital.

What will be paramount for small stations will be the issue of additional digital transmission plant being unaffordable during the (longish?) transitional period, with analogue transmission costs for small stations already up to 25% of turnover compared to industry average of 2%.