

Americans like to joke about having the "best government that money can buy." Unfortunately, this is not always a joke. The utility industry represents a large amount of money and it is clearly visible in this proceeding.

Trials in other countries quickly demonstrated the problems with these systems. Based on press reports, these were real trials, not purchased immunity--which seems to be the ultimate objective of these proceedings. I am astonished that an agency that is expected to protect the radio spectrum has let this proposal (which will render much of traditional shortwave usage problematical) go so far.