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Date: February 14, 2019

To: The Federal Communications Commission

Subject: COMMENT re RM-11826

As the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) Emergency Coordinator (EC) for Wayne County, PA, I wish to submit my total support for, and agreement with the Subject Petition for Rule Making.

In addition to the Introduction, Background, and Discussion presented in the Petition, I would like to point out that when ARRL ARES organizations are requested by a Served Agency to provide communications assistance in an emergency, the ARES Stations deployed to perform this assistance (and off-site participating ARES Stations) are compelled to use whatever communications processes requested by the Served Agency. In many instances this can result in the use of tactical identifications related to the function or location of the dispatched ARES Station.

To require announcement of both the tactical identification requested or assigned by the Served Agency AND the ARES Stations’ Amateur Radio Call Sign would unnecessarily confusion and inefficiency by prolonging transmissions.

Another point of confusion could arise when deployed ARES Stations are relived and replaced with other deployed ARES Stations having different Amateur Radio Call Signs.

Having the NCS (Net Control Station) record, periodicaly announce, and manage the deployment of ARES Stations by their Amateur Radio Call Signs and any tactical identification assigned to them would be the most efficient means of complying with FCC identification requirements while still retaining the flexibility and efficiency of on-site tactical identifications.

The 25 WPM maximum CW Identification is a “no-brainer” and should be employed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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