**I am writing in opposition to Petition for Rulemaking, RM-11831**.

This action would significantly limit the use of WinLink systems which provide e-mail over radio services and have proven to be significantly successful in efficiently handling important communications during disasters and emergencies. These systems have greatly enhanced the reliability and carrying capacity of amateur radio to support information transfer in the aftermath of hurricanes and other disasters. These are open, unencrypted systems and are widely adopted by emergency management organizations across the county.

Additionally, digital voice modes such as P-25, DMR, C4FM and D-STAR are welcome modernizations of FM voice communications. They allow networking and the ability to connect systems over greater geographical areas promoting interoperability during emergencies. Additionally, this technology allows much more efficient use of bandwidth by sharing a specific channel through the use of division multiplexing.

These digital radio technologies support emergency management responsibilities in our county, in other jurisdictions across the State of Washington, as well as the entire USA.

Please reject Petition for Rulemaking, RM-11831. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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