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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC. 20554

Dear Sir:

I understand that the FCC has, in Docket FO92-206, proposed to prioritize the administration of examinations that under current rules are administered by the FCC. I have no strong feelings about the issue of Federal versus private examinations. I do, however, have strong feelings that any private testing program should comply with certain safeguards to assure that all examinations are both fair, and accurately reflect the technology under examination. Accordingly, I submit the following three points for your consideration:

- We should look to well known existing agencies for such examination authorizations. Among them are NARTE, NABER, SBE and NOCTI. The presence of a large number of testing agencies will create confusion on the part of industries that require such licensing.
- Organizations who participate in the testing program should be required to collectively define the examinations.
- The status of license holders under the new rules should be established such that all industry will accept them in the same manner that the current FCC licenses are recognized.

Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

Wm. C. Franken
Technology Division Chair

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DEAR FCC

I would like to communicate my opinion
concerning FO Docket No. 92-206 which my religious
technician testing and certification to a single
private entity.

As a technician, I would prefer multiple
private entities to perform testing and certification
and that groups such as the Society of Broadcast
Engineers, Nat'l Assoc. of Radio and Telecommunication
Engineers and Nat'l Assoc. of Business and Educational
Radio be designated testing entities.

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STANDARDIZATION OF TESTING, CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING SHOULD BE THE COMMON GOAL OF BOTH THE COMMISSION AND INDUSTRY. I WOULD DESIRE THE COMMISSION AND THE BODIES MENTIONED GROUPS TO CONTINUOUSLY STRIVE TOWARDS THAT GOAL.

I HAVE FOUND THAT COMPETENCE, PLUS PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION CREDENTIALS ARE IMPORTANT IN MY CHOSEN FIELD.

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS STATEMENT AS AN ENDORSEMENT FOR THE NARTE POSITION; OF WHICH I CONSIDER QUITE WISE!

Most Sincerely
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Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Docket 92-206

Dear Commissioners:

It is my understanding that the administration of examinations for commercial licenses and endorsements formerly given by the field offices is to be administered by the private sector.

Hennepin Technical College is operated by the State of Minnesota in a suburb of Minneapolis. Classes are taught in electronics, avionics, and radar to both day and night students. Many of our graduates (80 to 100 per year) take the General Radiotelephone License Examination and the Ship's Radar Endorsement Examination. The license is a requirement for employment with virtually all major airlines. Also many of our students are FAA Certified Mechanics already employed by airlines and are taking electronics to diversify their abilities.

I would like to make the following statements regarding your pending decisions.

An examination should be given in February of 1993, as many expect it at that time. It would prove a hardship to those who require the license for employment.

The examinations are not given often enough, four times a year would be better, in locations with high numbers of examinees. Many who fail would like to study and be given the opportunity to retake the examination within three months.

The test should be given at outlying areas such as Duluth, MN and Fargo, ND, and others because of the high number of examinees from these areas.

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The integrity of the examination must be maintained. The general test is highly regarded as thorough and diverse and requires a high degree of knowledge to pass. Our full-time students have 1800 hours of school invested before they take the examination.

The cost of the examination is minor. Most examinees have a great deal of time and money invested to prepare for the examination. Whether the examination costs \$35 or \$50 would be a minor consideration to them.

Thank you for your consideration of these statements.

If an examination station is needed for the midwest, please consider Hennepin Technical College. We have rooms for up to 250 people to test at a time and are fully handicapped accessible. My staff and I are capable of administering and proctoring the examination either on our campus or at other sites. We do not require lead time, we are prepared to do this now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frank M. DuRocher". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Frank M DuRocher
Lead Instructor
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CC: Dave Smith

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October 30, 1992

Secretary of FCC
1919 M Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

RE: Solicited Comments on Privatization of GMDSS License (Docket # 92-206)

Gentlemen:

The Calhoon MEBA Engineering School, MEBA, Dist. 1, PCD endorses the efforts of the FCC to privatize the license examination for the GMDSS license.

It is our understanding that the proposed examining authority, when established, would examine applicants for the GMDSS License. Those applicants who successfully pass the examination would be certified to the FCC as license eligible and the FCC would then issue the license.

The Calhoon MEBA Engineering School would consider becoming an examining facility when standards have been promulgated and these licenses start to be issued.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. O'Toole

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Ladies and/or Gentlemen:

In Docket FO 92-206, the FCC has proposed to privatize the administration of remaining examinations subject to the Federal certification process, specifically those examinations of an international nature, such as Aeronautical and Marine telecommunications.

The Commission proposal contains provisions wherein the Commission could authorize a SINGLE testing entity to administer the exams. This is not in keeping with the Commission's Marketplace oriented position, which brought about private certification entities in the first place.

As both an FCC licensed and NARTE certified individual, I support NARTE's position with regard to this matter and would encourage the Commission to:

1. Allow multiple private entities to perform testing for the FCC licensing program instead of a single testing entity.
2. Designate NARTE, NABER and SBE as the testing entities since they are representative of the industry; have established working certification programs, and have demonstrated marketplace qualifications.
3. Allow these organizations to absorb the required testing toward a common standard. New entrants in the testing process are unnecessary and would only add confusion.
4. Recognize the importance of professional certification credentials in the current marketplace as proof of basic competency and protection of the public.

Sincerely,

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