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PR Docket No. 93-267

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November 23, 1993

In the Matter of

Amendment of the Amateur Service
Rules to Extend Temporary Operating
Authority to New Amateur Operators.

RM-8288

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I have discussed the well meaning but misguided proposal in PR Docket No. 93-267 with fellow members of the Pasadena Radio Club and have concluded that it is not in the best interest of Amateur Radio.

I have concerns with the basic concept and feel strongly that the Federal Communications Commission should remain the sole source for all Amateur Radio licenses and call signs. I also understand that in the near future, electronic filing of Amateur Radio license applications will become possible and should greatly reduce licensing delays and application status inquiries, without creating new problems.

The proposed "WZ" prefix call sign, when fabricated with a persons initials and address is an open invitation for rampant violations of Commission rules. Currently, the call signs issued by the Commission are public record and can be authenticated through the use of call books and Commission records. I see nothing in PR Docket 93-267 that sets up a system to track these "temporary" call signs and make that data available to all amateurs so that they can confirm that they are communicating with legally licensed radio amateurs.

In PR Docket 93-267, paragraph 5 cites the Citizen's Band Radio Service as a past success in "conditional operation of a private radio station." I can't speak for the whole country, but in the Los Angeles area, the Citizen's Band Radio Service has become a joke of unregulated operation, with wild violations of permitted power, malicious interference and unbridled profanity. To cite the history of the Citizen's Band Radio Service as an example of the best direction in which to steer the future of Amateur Radio is frightening. Please don't impose the debacle of the Citizen's Band service on the Amateur Radio service.

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Most Amateur Radio operators take pride in the call sign that the Commission issued them. The proposal in PR Docket No. 93-267 is a step towards de-regulation of Amateur Radio and I believe would dilute the whole importance of call signs as they have been used for decades.

Please put me on record as being strongly against PR Docket 93-267 and would ask that the Commission establish electronic filing with the VECs as the better solution to licensing delays for new Amateur Radio operators and applicant inquiries.

Sincerely,

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