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To: Secretary, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

From : Harley C. Gabrielson, (SANDARC-VEC)

Subject: Comments regarding PR Docket No. 93-267

The objective of this proposal are certainly commendable, but some effects can be anything but desireable. Approval could end up causing many more problems then it would solve. When the impending electronic processing goes into effect the current lag time should be substantially reduced, making this proposal less beneficial.

One of the primary benefits of the present call-sign assignment process is the fact that each one is unique to one individual. Identifying and locating that individual is reasonably straightforward. The proposed process is fraught with problems. There will be a high probability that there will be numerous duplications so it will be extremely difficult to assign responsibility for improper operation. This is compounded by the fact that inexperienced operators are more likely to commit violations.

Under the proposed system there will be an increased liklihood that scoff-law persons will take advantage of the anonymity to operate illegally. Presently they often take unassigned callsigns. These can be detected by checking public records. If the temporary callsigns are approved then the job of locating them will be substantially more difficult. It is possible that some individuals, who are, for one reason or another, not eligible to hold an FCC issued license would take an exam and proceed to operate. The VE teams would have no way of identifying them. If they were to be identified, the teams would faced with some possible touchy problems.

Instituting this procedure would add to the administrative problems of the VEC's and the VE teams. There would have to be revisions made in the documentation given to each applicable examinee. This constitutes additional expense for new forms, additional records to be kept by the VEC organizations and additional time at test sessions to properly council the newly licensed operators.

Sincerely

  
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IN THE MATTER OF PR DOCKET 93-267

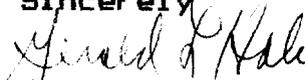
Dear Sir;

This is to inform you that I strongly disapprove of the proposal for instant licensing in the amateur radio service. I believe it would be a disaster for a service which attempts to police their own members.

I understand that congress has already approved electronic filing and that the ARRL is standing by to implement it as soon as the FCC is ready. I suggest that the Commission move ahead with that and shelve instant licensing.

I fully support the ARRL and its position in this matter.

Sincerely,



Gerald L. Hale, KOJH

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Reference: The Matter of PR Docket 93-267

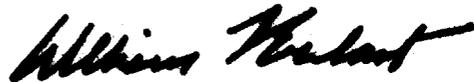
Dear Sir or Madam:

As a licensed radio amateur and an ARRL member, I was dismayed to learn of the FCC's plan to proceed with "Instant Licensing" as a means of expediting the licensing of new amateurs.

"Instant Licensing" is a mere band-aid approach to solving one of the problems of an under-staffed FCC. Let's avoid saddling the amateur community and the commission with an ill-conceived program that is destined to cause a future enforcement nightmare. Let's address the problem - not the symptom!

The ARRL has endorsed a system of electronic filing to expedite the licensing process. I support the ARRL position on PR Docket 93-267 and urge the FCC to pursue electronic filing in lieu of "Instant Licensing".

Very truly yours,



William L. Everhart  
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cc: David Sumner, Exec. V.P., ARRL  
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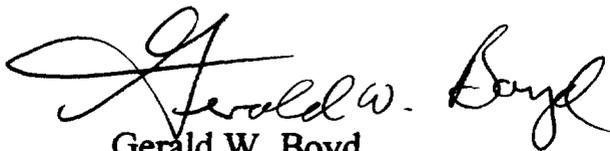
IN THE MATTER OF: PR Docket 93-267

As an F.C.C. licensed amateur radio operator for over thirty four years, and as an accredited "Volunteer Examiner" under both the ARRL and W5YI VEC's, I respectfully oppose the "instant licensing" approach proposed in NPRM-PR Docket 93-267.

My opposition stems from my concern regarding abuses of F.C.C. Rules related to the amateur radio service. Those abuses could result from either "instant licensed" or unlicensed individuals who "create" callsigns such as those proposed in the "instant licensing" proposal. There would be no reasonable, or accurate, means whereby "Official Observers", members of the F.C.C.'s "Amateur Auxiliary", or the F.C.C. itself could quickly determine the identity of abusers.

It is my suggestion that PR Docket 93-267 be abandoned and that the electronic filing procedures authorized in Public Law 102-538 be, instead, the focus of F.C.C. efforts.

Respectfully Submitted:



Gerald W. Boyd

Amateur Radio Station KG6LF

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cc: Dave Sumner

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In the matter of PR Docket 93-267

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Atten: Secretary  
Washington, DC. 20554

Dear Secretary,

This letter is inform you of my support of the ARRL's (The American Radio Relay League) position in regards to PR Docket 93-267.

I wish to make three points;

1. Some of the proposed new call signs would not conform to ITU regulations. The United States (which you represent in your regulations, rules & policies) should do everything in it's power to cooperate with the ITU.

2. Self-assigned call signs would create a system with no means for local amateurs to check the validity of a suspicious operator.

I am in the retail business and sell amatuer radio equipment. I believe the approval of self assigned call signs would limit (eliminate) by ability to check the validity of suspicious customers.

3. One of the things that you and your people can do to help us, is to promote the use electronic filing of license applications.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Kenneth J. Christenson*  
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Secretary of FCC  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir:

I am writing to voice my opposition to PR Docket 93-267. I have been an active, licensed radio amateur (WB4CMR) since 1975 and I feel that if this proposal is enacted it will be detrimental to the amateur service. I feel very strongly about this due to the very likely potential for abuse.

As I understand it, a new computer system is in the works for the FCC; this, coupled with electronic filing by VECs will effectively and efficiently shorten the application process. This will eliminate any potential need for instant licensing.

An applicant cannot prepare for an amateur exam overnight; there is no reason that he should be licensed overnight. Other services such as broadcast, business, and local government stations are not under the risks that instant licensing will bring. There is no valid reason to expose the amateur service to these risks either.

In brief, I fully support the American Radio Relay League's position on PR 93-267 and would like to encourage the FCC to rule against this proposal and move forward with electronic filing of amateur applications as a much better alternative. Thank you.

Best regards

*Phil Hamilton*  
Phil Hamilton  
WB4CMR

cc: John C. Kanode, N4MM  
ARRL Roanoke Division Director  
  
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Attn: Secretary

Re: "In the matter of PR Docket 93-267"

Dear Secretary,

This is to confirm my support for the ARRL position on PR Docket 93-267. With self-assigned call signs, it would be at best difficult, and likely not possible, to check on the validity of suspicious operation. I myself waited 10 weeks for my original call sign last spring and would do so again if the alternative were non-FCC-issued call signs. Please follow the ARRL position in the interests of the integrity of the Amateur service, and adherence to Part 97 Rules re: operating authority. The potential for "bootlegging" far outweighs the instant gratification of this proposal, and in the long run, this negative will have unwanted consequences to operators and equipment manufacturers alike. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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Washington, DC 20554

IN THE MATTER OF PR Docket 93-267

Currently, the **ONLY** amateur radio applicant who has to wait for a license to operate is the **NEW APPLICANT** without a call sign. All others can operate immediately after passing the required upgrade elements.

The main problem/objection to "instant licensing" is the potential for abuse by using self-assigned call letters. With no means to check the validity of the licensee, the self-policing feature of the amateur radio service is effectively negated.

The answer would appear to be through the use of electronic applications submitted to the Commission by the VECs. This should provide a much shorter turn-around time for the application and license. Surely this short wait for some applicants does not outweigh the risk inherent in "instant licensing".

Very truly yours,



H.C. Knief  
Volunteer Examiner

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