

January 1, 1994

Secretary, FCC
Washington, DC 20554

Ref: **PR Docket 93-267**

The "Instant Licensing" issue should be scratched. The system proposed is too liberal and prone to abuse and interference.

The present system, of waiting for your call letters before using your privileges, should be preserved until something more sophisticated and efficient comes up.

Sincerely,



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RE: In the matter of PR Docket 93-267

Dear Sir:

I support the ARRL position on the above referenced docket.

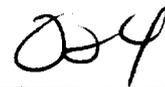
I believe the issuance of temporary licenses for 120 days is a flawed program, and would lead to unforeseen problems which would degrade the amateur service.

Respectfully,


Burton O. Boyd

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Regarding PR Docket 93-267

This is to express my opinion in regard to Private Radio Docket 93-267 which will allow instant issuance of temporary Amateur Radio Service licenses.

I feel this is NOT a good idea. I ask the commissioners to not enact this into the Part 97 rules.

As an ARRL accredited Volunteer Examiner with two years experience, I strongly feel the first Amateur Radio license earned by an individual should be issued directly by the Federal Communications Commission, with no temporary license issued by a VE. One reason for this belief is the value of waiting for the first license to arrive. I used the waiting period for my license to listen and get a good frame of mind to start operation. I also studied to upgrade my codeless Technician license before getting "two-meteritis" (the trend to spend all time devoted to amateur radio operating a radio rather than studying).

Another reason I feel ones' first license should not be a temporarily issued one is the possibility of mistakes by the VE team. While I try to be as careful as possible in the VE environment, and all others I serve with do so as well, mistakes still happen, however rarely. While this can happen while issuing a CSCE and its temporary authority, at least the licensee can resort back to their previous license privileges should a mistake be discovered. An uncovered mistake in a newly issued temporary license will require the candidate to be taken completely off the air, causing embarrassment and bad feelings for all involved. The present system of checking by the VEC and FCC before a new license is issued all but eliminates this possibility.

A final reason I feel PR Docket 93-267 should not be made into a rule is a historic one. Temporary licensing did not work in Part 95, Subpart D (Citizens Band class D) and I'm afraid the same fate may await Amateur Radio.

Thank you very much for your interest and attention in reading this letter.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Hirschfeld

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PR Docket No. 93-267

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In the Matter of

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

RM-8288

I have discussed the well meaning but misguided proposal in PR Docket No. 93-276 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.

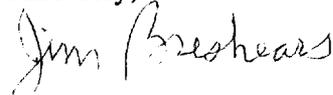
The proposed "WZ" prefix call sign, when fabricated with a persons initials and address is an open invitation for rampant violations of Commission rules. Currently, the call signs issued by the Commission are public record and can be authenticated through the use of call books and Commission records. 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.

Most Amateur Radio operators take pride in the call sign that the Commission issued them. The proposal in PR Docket No. 93-276 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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Secretary
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In the matter of PR Docket 93-267

Jan. 5, 1994

Dear Madam or Sir:

I would like to submit the following comment on PR Docket 93-267 concerning "instant licensing":

1 - Call signs should be assigned explicitly by the FCC and should not be self-assigned.

I feel the scheme described in PR Docket 93-267 is flawed and should not be allowed to go into effect.

I support the position of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) on this matter. There are other ways to address licensing delays, such as electronic filing methods, or by simply sorting new license applications in a separate queue and allocating disproportionate resources to that queue.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Very truly yours,

Martin Shinko

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January 2, 1993

In the matter of PR Docket 93-267

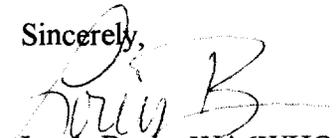
Sirs,

This is just a short note to tell you that I am adamantly opposed to "instant licensing" for Amateur Radio. There is no justification, in my view, for this radical change in the licensing procedure. The proper method for accelerating the issuance of licenses will be to accelerate the implementation of "electronic filing"

I am in full agreement with, and support, The American Radio Relay League's position on PR Docket 93-267.

Thank you for reading and considering this.

Sincerely,


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December 31, 1993

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington DC 20554

Ref: PR Docket 93-267

Dear Sir,

I have genuine misgivings about "instant licensing" of new first time amateur radio operators. I feel that any possible advantages attained through its adoption are outweighed by the potential risks. I support the ARRL position on the above docket and urge you to aggressively pursue electronic filing approach.

Your consideration of my request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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In the matter of PR Docket 93-267

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Secretary
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sirs,

As a radio amateur and Volunteer Examiner in the amateur radio service, I would like for my misgivings about PR Docket 93-267 be known. I feel that this would cause more confusion in the amateur radio service, and much discontent among amateurs.

There would be no real way to be certain that the 'new' amateur has actually passed an exam. The possibility of duplicate temporary call signs would be egregious and confusing.

I strongly support the ARRL's position in this matter, and I am convinced that electronic filing would be a more suitable solution to the Commissions backlog.

Sincerely,



Joseph P. Chambley
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In the matter of PR Docket 93-267

I support the position of the American Radio Relay League. I have been an Amateur for many years and I feel that the flawed position taken in PR Docket 93-267 is not the way to proceed. This proposal has not evidently been well thought out. We have enough trouble trying to keep bootleggers in line without having to cope with this unacceptable proposal. We don't need another "Citizen's Band."

The electronic filing system authorized by Congress in October 1992 is a better way to implement a more streamlined processing of applications for new Amateur licenses. With computer technology advancing exponentially, it is ridiculous for the FCC not to upgrade the system to embrace electronic filing.

Please do not implement PR Docket 93-267. It would be a disaster for Amateur Radio!



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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

December 27, 1993

Office of the Secretary
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Washington, D.C. 20554

To the Commission:

In the matter of PR Docket 93-267.

I believe that an 'instant license' that allows the licensee to make up his own temporary call sign is fraught with potential problems. Enactment of this proposal would allow anyone at any time to use the frequencies allocated to the Amateur Radio Service. Because of the temporary, made up call sign amateurs would be stymied in their efforts to police their own frequencies and insure the great majority of users are licensed.

I recommend that you do not approve any system that allows a potential user to make up his or her own call sign. Instead I would recommend that the FCC move in the direction of electronic filing of applications. This would either significantly reduce the time from filing to issuance of a call sign in the current manner or better still, the permanent call sign would be issued at the time of filing.

I have only been a licensed amateur since September 1993 and understand the anxiousness while waiting for the license to arrive. However, I see any system that allows for made up temporary identification as a grave mistake.

Sincerely,



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Dear Sirs

Please consider defeating PR Docket 93-267 for the following reasons.

- (a) Detecting "Boot leg" call signs would be impossible. It will only take a very short period of time for the unlicensed people to figure out how to fabricate a "usable call sign".
- (b) Policing "Boot leggers" will be impossible. Even if an operator is suspected of using a bogus call sign it will be near impossible to find the individual or do anything about it. Who will back us up ???

I believe the INSTANT LICENSE PROPOSAL is doomed to fail. Please defeat it. Instead of instant licensing, let's devote all of our efforts towards implementing the "Electronic Filing System". I believe this approach is most logical and cost effective.

Respectfully Submitted
Paul F. Dorse WS8V
ARRL Volunteer Examiner

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In the Matter of PR Docket 93-267

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sirs:

The FCC's plan to allow non-licensed persons who successfully pass a test to begin transmitting without receiving an amateur radio license from the FCC has serious flaws.

This plan's major flaw is that it would make it almost impossible for other amateur radio operators to determine if a station was licensed or a "bootlegger". Amateur radio has a long history of self-policing, please don't take away our major weapon in keeping unlicensed persons off our bands. The FCC tried this approach in the 1970's when they allowed operation on the "citizen's band" with a temporary operating authorization. It didn't work then and it won't work now.

Also this plan appears to be in violation of ITU regulations concerning station callsigns. However that is a minor concern compared to the possibilities of abuse by unlicensed operators.

I had to wait seven weeks to receive my first license in 1971. The operating privileges were worth the wait.

Sincerely,



Mark Hughes WB4UHI

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

In the matter of PR Docket 93-267:

WHEREAS, The Albemarle Amateur Radio Society (TAARS) is a voluntary association of amateur radio licensees located in Northeastern North Carolina, such society being an affiliated club of The American Radio Relay League; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States enacted Public Law 102-538 in October, 1992, authorizing the Federal Communications Commission to implement electronic filing of license applications for the Amateur Radio Service; and

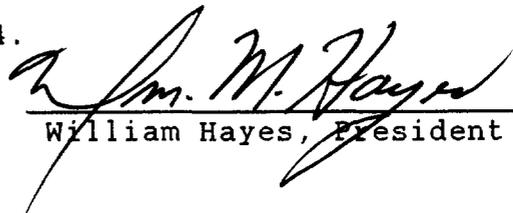
WHEREAS, the Commission has indicated that the licensing process can be expedited by the use of electronic filing, but the Commission has not seen fit to implement such new procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has now proposed in PR Docket 93-267 an "instant" licensing procedure which will not conform in many circumstances to the regulations of the International Telecommunications Union, which will provide no safeguards against dishonest persons who fraudulently claim to have successfully completed licensing requirement, and which provides no adequate means or method to control unlicensed operations on frequencies assigned to the Amateur Radio Service; and

WHEREAS, the ARRL and other volunteer examiner groups stand ready to implement electronic filing procedures which will provide adequate and substantial safeguards against fraud and abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, by the membership of The Albemarle Amateur Radio Society, in meeting duly assembled, that the Federal Communications Commission immediately withdraw the ill-advised "instant" licensing procedure proposed in PR Docket 93-267 and, in lieu of same, take action to forthwith implement a proper procedure permitting the electronic filing and issuance of licenses for the Amateur Radio Service.

This 10 day of December, 1994.


William Hayes, President

Attest:


Greg Terranova, Secretary

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