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Re: PR Docket 93-267

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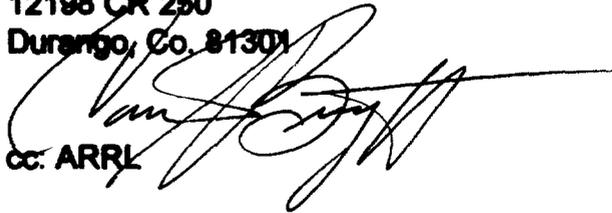
I strongly oppose the "instant licensing" proposed in your PR Docket 93-267. BAD IDEA!!
Don't ruin the long history of Amateur Radio to a quick fix CB type scheme.

I waited 2 months for mine. I wasn't damaged from it.

Sincerely,

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In the matter of PR DOCKET 93-267 ✓

Regarding the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in PR DOCKET 93-267, I would urge the F.C.C. to favorably consider the stand put forth by the American Radio Relay League, which favors the early implementation of electronic filing in lieu of granting temporary operating authority to qualified amateur radio license applicants.

Enacting "instant licensing" procedures has the potential of creating more problems than it will solve. Will instant licensing decrease the amount of licensing paperwork now processed by the F.C.C.? No. Electronic filing, as authorized by Congress in October 1992, in Public Law 102-538, is supported by the ARRL and will expedite the licensing process and decrease the F.C.C. workload - especially in the area of time-consuming manual data entry.

Will instant licensing eliminate the phone calls the F.C.C. receives from those prospective licensees waiting many weeks for their tickets to arrive? No. Applicants will still wonder if their "real" license is being processed or is "lost in the mail". The phone calls will continue. There would also, unfortunately, be a (self-perceived) negative stigma attached to those using self-assigned "instant" call signs. This is reality. This stigma will lead to there being just as many impatient prospective licensees as there are now - maybe even more. "Getting them on the air sooner" will be a short-lived pacifier, I'm afraid. Electronic filing, on the other hand, will speed up the process. Consequently, the phone calls to the F.C.C. will decrease. Overall efficiency will increase. (think about that last statement - "instant licensing" will do absolutely nothing to increase the efficiency of the current licensing process. It is simply an added step). These are plain truths.

On a more critical note, the excuse given by the F.C.C. time and time again, in an attempt to avoid instituting various changes involving data processing, is getting quite old. "Our computer system can't handle it" just does not wash with me or thousands of others who see relatively inexpensive personal and microcomputer systems being used to handle data bases just as large and complex with ease. Come on people - it's 1994 now. There are many enthusiastic young hackers out there who could blend electronic filing and a myriad of your other "impossible tasks" into existing data base programs with ease. I do not want to see that excuse used again. It is quite embarrassing to see a technically orientated organization such as the F.C.C. admit to a lack of vision in this area, if not outright incompetence. It is time for the F.C.C. to adapt a pro-active leadership role. Instead of reacting, without forethought, to problems as they arise; the F.C.C. should anticipate problems and react instead to visionary ideas and common-sense solutions.

I, and the vast majority of amateur radio operators, have great respect for the F.C.C. and the authority vested unto it. Please do not dilute this respect by enacting anything resembling "instant licensing", in an attempt to pacify impatient prospective licensees. Instead, look to a long term solution to improving licensing efficiency - institute electronic filing as supported by the ARRL. It will be of great benefit to all.

Respectfully,
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January 4, 1994

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

After much thought, I feel strongly that PR Docket No. 93-267 is a poor solution to licensing delays because of too many potential problems. I believe that it is in the best interest of Amateur Radio to keep the Federal Communications Commission as the exclusive source of all Amateur Radio operating privileges and call signs.

All decent Amateur Radio operators take pride in the call sign that the Commission issued them. Currently we have a system that has existed for decades. Call signs are issued by the government and then placed in a public database that is available in the form of call books, CD ROM computer disks, etc. When we talk to other Amateur Radio operators on the air, we currently have a reasonably good way to verify that we are talking to a legally licensed person. Under the proposal in PR Docket No. 93-267 I see no protection of this type at all.

Issuing call signs, at a Volunteer Examiner session, that are composed of "WZ", a number and a mixture of a person's initials and address is a system that is far too easy to manipulate. I fear that before too long, some individuals will seize upon the ease of this scheme and fabricate their own call signs. They could operate under one call for the first 120 days, and then change to another when people get wise to it. This could open the door to many new violations to FCC Part 97 rules. Of course illegal operators are nothing new, but must we make it this easy to construct a bogus call sign?

As an Advanced class Volunteer Examiner, I have found that we are already so busy during the exam session that I can't really imagine adding this additional responsibility to our duties. I also understand that the Commission is preparing for electronic filing of applications. I find this to be a much better solution to the problem of licensing delays.

My sense is that PR Docket No. 93-267 is a step towards the de-regulation of Amateur Radio, an unfortunate course. I value my Amateur Radio license and want to maintain the secure call sign system that we have had for years. Please register me as being strongly against PR Docket No. 93-267.

Sincerely,



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Amateur Radio background of Bruce Nolte:

Bruce Nolte was first licensed as an Amateur Radio operator in 1988 and currently holds an Advanced class license. He is very active in the Los Angeles area, is the past Vice-President of the Pasadena Radio Club, and author of the book "Ham Radio Resource Guide." He is also an Advanced Class VE (Volunteer Examiner) under the ARRL VEC.

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In the matter of PR Docket 93-267

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To the Commission;

I wish to make a comment about the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in PR Docket 93-267. With all of the ham radio's on the market being sold to anyone across the counter, I am concerned about the possibly of bootleggers taking advantage of this wide crack in the system the FCC wants to create.

We have been successful so far as to keeping the many unwanted bootleggers out of the system, but with this being imposed the question that keeps coming up is what is to stop the bootleggers from using anyone's initials for 120 days and then using another set etc..etc..etc.

We have a lot of individuals that will buy a radio and then end up talking on it anyway. I personally caught a kid using a A06QW call last summer, with this system 93-267 how could you catch them?. He could easily use another call for a unlimited time and never be caught. And we in the policing end will not be able to keep up with these individuals.

I feel that the FCC needs to allow someone to create a computer program in a format that the FCC and the VE's can fill in the license information and then modem the info to the ARRL to issue the license. After the ARRL issues the license they could transfer the information to the FCC for what ever they wish to do with it. At the end of the month the computer disk can then be backed up by the VE's and then sent to the FCC for safe keeping.

The system could work better then now. if we could use the speed of modems, latest computers and with a computer program that could be of value to everyone.

I feel that this would create a clean system that would have a license back within 2 week period and could possible keep some sort of control with the want-a-be hams.

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In the matter of PR Docket 93-267

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Secretary, FCC
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir:

We strongly support the position of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League) in its opposition to the "instant licensing" scheme proposed in PR Docket 93-267. Apparently, the purpose of the FCC in making this proposal is to curtail the thousands of telephone calls that it receives from prospective licensees who are concerned about not receiving their licenses for an unduly long period of time after they have passed their license exams. Surely there is a better way to solve this problem than through this ill-conceived instant license proposal.

The ability of the amateur radio community to police its own bands has been a source of pride to both the amateur radio operators and the FCC. It also relieves the FCC from the major enforcement effort that would be required without self-policing. The FCC issuance of call signs and the subsequent publishing of these call signs in callbooks (both on paper and by CD-ROM) is the main tool by which radio operators can identify operators who are operating outside regulations and those who are operating under false callsigns (ie., "bootleggers"). The self assigning of callsigns would defeat this safeguard by making it impossible for a licensed radio operator to distinguish between a bootlegger with a self-assigned callsign and a legitimate operator who has just passed his VE exam and is using a self-assigned callsign.

We urge you to scrap this proposal. The problem of answering phone calls from anxious amateur radio license candidates would be dwarfed by the enforcement nightmare that would result from "instant licensing". You will recall that the self-assigning of callsigns was one of the steps that led to that paragon of anarchy--The Citizen's Band.

Sincerely,



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VE Examiner



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Dear People,

This letter is in regards to the pending PR Docket 93-267. It is my understanding that this Docket is under consideration as a solution to the long turn around time in the licensing process. The thought is to provide the new ham with a temporary license, good for 120 days, to use until the permanent one shows up.

Have you ever thought of speeding up the licensing process? The move toward electronic filing is the best idea. This seems to work very well for the IRS, and they handle a huge volume of forms each year. A similar system would have the desired effect for the FCC.

The idea of a temporary license, with no real control of the licensee, is a frightening one. This proposed system is fraught with potential abuse. There is no way to prevent anyone from skipping the annoyance of the test and moving straight to the self-assigned call sign. At least, with the current system, the call sign of a problem ham can be locked up in the directory.

It seems to me that the PR Docket 93-267 doesn't address the real problem of excessive licensing delay, as much as it creates another problem of unregulated use of the airwaves. Speed up the process. Don't create another problem.

Thank you,

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I want to go on record as OPPOSED to PR Docket 93-267. I am OPPOSED to the granting of temporary operating authority to an UNLICENSED person who has earned a Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination.

My main concern is that there is too much opportunity for abuse by any person who wants to appear to have passed the requisite examinations. Your proposal does not address the possibility of abuse or safeguards.

If the real problem is a delay, judged to be excessively long before the FCC issues the license, why not try to implement changes that will shorten the delay? Your proposal does nothing to speed up the issuing of licenses; instead, it proposes an arrangement that could lead to abuse.

The ARRL's position on the use of electronic filing seems to me to be a much better solution, one that addresses the problem of delay.

Sincerely,

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On the matter of Ph Docket 93-267

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to say that I support the American Radio Relay League's position against Ph Docket 93-267. This proposal would allow a very high potential for abuse and it would reduce the ways for the amateur radio community to identify abusers. This could severely undermine the very successful self-monitoring and testing efforts associated with our hobby.

Instead, I urge you to continue the installation of your new computer system and to implement electronic filing of license applications as soon as possible. These efforts should substantially reduce new license processing time while keeping the potential for abuse low.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Bill Schiller KJ5CI

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