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re: PR DOCKET NO. 93-305
*Amendment of the Amateur Service Rules to Implement
a Vanity Call Sign System*

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Gentlemen,

I applaud your initiative to provide better and more friendly service to the amateur radio operators of our country. I encourage you to move forward in a timely manner without great debate over small issues such as the use of the word "vanity", or the amount of the fee. As a very successful entity in the commercial world says, "Just Do It!".

While you have rightly solicited comments on the implementation of on-line requests and other automated procedures, please keep in mind that these are merely enhancements to the fundamental service to provide the assignment of requests for specific callsigns. The basic service should begin as soon as your added capability is up and running. The enhancements to your system can be added when they have been tested, and are ready. This approach is used extensively in the commercial world to avoid delays in getting a product to market initially, and to provide for a "family" of products for years to come.

Rather than risk the possibility of being swamped with requests, and not being able to provide the expected cycle time (2 weeks is reasonable in the commercial world) for this new service, it would be more practical to begin with the Extra Class licensees, followed by the Advanced, General / Technician, and Novice class licensees - each at two or three month intervals.

One of the most widely known and used information services is CompuServe. It currently provides registration, and fee collection services in addition to an already existing HAMNET service. This would seem a logical candidate for your inquiry about a system whereby authorization occurs instantly.

Your proposal is an excellent one - please make it happen.

Sincerely,



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