

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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PR Docket No. 93-305

In the matter of:
Amendment of the
Amateur Service Rules to
Implement a Vanity Call
Sign System

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

1. I support the above-referenced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR), however, the Commission must continue to follow its long-standing policy of encouraging development of the Amateur Service (hereinafter "Service") by utilizing the "Vanity Call Sign" system as a method to incentivize upgrading to higher class licensees (i.e., the "Incentive Licensing" policy adopted by the Commission over 20 years ago).

2. The Commission should use this NPR to replace the incentive to upgrade to Extra Class which has been lost due to the issuance of all presently available "1 X 2" call signs (Group "A") in all ten call districts. The Commission should allow Extra Class licensees to choose call signs from any of the four groups of call signs (A, B, C, or D), specifically including previously expired call signs from any group. For example, expired K1 and W1 "1 X 3" call signs (e.g., K1AAA, W1AAA) as well as expired Group A ("1 X 2," e.g., W1AA) call signs should be eligible for re-issue (as long as the grace period for renewal has expired).

3. The Commission has a vested interest in fostering a skilled and motivated Amateur Service. These incentives to promote striving for the highly regarded Extra Class license should be implemented by the Commission to replace the incentive now lost through the issuance of all of the presently available Group A call signs ("1 X 2"). I strongly urge implementation of the proposed rulemaking as amended by these comments.



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