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Mr. Gene R. Signor
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Dear Mr. Signor:

This is in reply to your request of August 23, 1993, to amend the amateur service rules to expand the frequency privileges of Novice Class operators and of Technician Class operators who hold Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for passing a telegraphy examination. These latter operators are commonly referred to as Technicians Plus. Your request is to make the 30 meter (m) band available to them. Currently, they are authorized to operate in the 80, 40, 15, and 10 m High Frequency (HF) bands, as well as in Very-High Frequency (VHF) and Ultra-High Frequency (UHF) bands. You state that the 11-year sun-spot cycle makes the 10 and 15 m bands virtually useless. In addition, you feel that the few HF bands now available to Novice and Technician Class operators with CSCEs are detrimental to their progress. Further, you acknowledge that those operators do have VHF privileges available to them, but you believe that not all of those operators can afford VHF equipment, particularly younger operators.

In 1985, the Commission added the 30 m band to the amateur service. In the First Report and Order in PR Docket No. 84-960, adopted April 25, 1985, 50 Fed. Reg. 18662 (1985), the Commission declined to make it available to Novice and Technician Class operators. In its action, the Commission said that an acceptable balance had been achieved between licensing incentives and operating privileges. A consistent policy was followed in a subsequent proceeding. In the Report and Order in PR Docket No. 88-467, adopted January 27, 1989, 4 FCC Rcd 1424 (1989), the Commission excluded Novice and Technician Class operators from the 17 m band because of its small size and because they had recently received enhanced privileges. See Report and Order in PR Docket No. 86-161, adopted January 28, 1987, 2 FCC Rcd 727 (1987). In sum, your request to expand the HF privileges of Novice and Technician Class operators is repetitive.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 1.401(e) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.401(e), your request to expand the privileges of Novice Class and Technician Class operators with CSCEs by authorizing operation in the 30 m band IS DENIED.

Sincerely,

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