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From: "David Jordan" <aa4kn@email.msn.com>
To: A4.A4(FCCINFO)
Date: 5/17/98 4:53pm
Subject: LMCC demand

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FCC staff,

This message concerns the demand issued to you by the Land Mobile Communications Council. Please reference RM9267. As an active amateur radio operator, I am very much against this demand. Amateur radio has been an important element in emergency situations worldwide. Its contribution to radio frequency technology from below 1 MHz to over 24 GHz over decades has been immeasurable.

The band area of concern here (70 cm) is actively being used by:

- 1) Terrestrial point to point SSB voice communications involving base to base and base to repeater contacts.
- 2) Amateur satellite communications and experimentation. Please realize that AMSAT as an international organization, The University of Mexico, The University of Surrey in Guildford, England, The university of Alabama; AMRAD in Washington D.C., JAMSAT in Japan, and many other such technology-based organizations have amateur satellites presently in orbit operating within the 70 cm band.
- 3) NASA a short time ago, designated an amateur radio station as a permanent official payload aboard the International Space Station to be launched in the near future and this band will be an important factor in that experimentation.

I have brought out these points in order to help you realize the sincere interest the amateur community has in these frequencies. Amateur radio operators have made major contributions to technology by their self-motivated experimentation at these frequencies. If our frequencies, especially in the higher ranges, are slowly eroded away from our exclusive use, not only will our break-throughs be limited, but their applications in everyday life will not exist i.e. store and forward digital mail satellites pioneered by amateur satellite designers.

Thank for you time in reviewing this message. I hope it helps you understand the importance in rejecting RM 9267 and allowing the continuation of the present allocation status of amateur radio within this segment of our limited spectrum.

Sincerely,

David H. Jordan
amateur radio operator AA4KN
area coordinator for AMSAT Orlando, FL.

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To: A4.A4(FCCINFO)
Date: 5/17/98 11:15am
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RE:RM 9267

Gentlemen;

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From: Randy Bonds <kb7pat@ados.com>
To: A4.A4(FCCINFO)
Date: 5/15/98 9:23pm
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Gentlemen,

It is my understanding that this new rule is yet another attempt of the private sector to obtain more frequencies at the expense of the Amateur Radio allotments.

Please consider that the amateur frequencies are public property and a non renewable resource. Having the private sector obtain these frequencies will only solve their problems short term. They need to put their efforts into more efficient use of the spectrum they already have.

I might point out that I live in the Portland area and an area that might be considered a major metropolitan radio location. I can tell you for a

fact that the 220 commercial frequencies that the private sector said they couldn't live with out are under populated and under used. I can tell you that many of the frequencies between 430 and 440 are also populated with

links and Amateur Television. Many of our systems in the Portland area are used heavily.

We have links to all points of the State and to neighboring States of Idaho, Washington, Montana and a satellite link to Hawaii.

We use the UHF Amateur frequencies to make this possible. The Amateur frequencies are one of the last places where the common person doesn't have to pay someone to communicate with his family. Again, the UHF frequencies make this possible.

You have a lot of really upset VOTING citizens with their attention on this matter.

Please tell the private sector to look to the channels that are currently under used by their own kind. I would also suggest they look at developing better technology to allow more operational channels because that's the real solution. When all the frequencies are gone, that's where they will find themselves anyway.

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Sincerely
KB7PAT
Randy Bonds

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From: Cliff Waeschle <cwaeschl@flash.net>
To: A4.A4(FCCINFO)
Date: 5/15/98 6:16pm
Subject: RM 9267

Dear FCC Commissioners,

Eventough I am a newly licensed Amateur Operator I am writing to you to express my profound concern that the Land Mobile communications council is attempting to grab the entire 70 cm spectrum. This band is the second most popular of the Amateur radio services' VHF and UHF allocations. I implore you and your good offices to not let this happen.

Sincerely,

Clifford R. Waeschle kf6qfq

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From: Kf4cup <Kf4cup@aol.com>
To: A4.A4(FCCINFO)
Date: 5/15/98 6:04pm
Subject: RM 9267

Hello to all;

My name is Domingo "Don" Trueba, my amateur call sign is KF4CUP. In reference to the RM9267 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking from the commercial and land mobile services, the idea of reallocating the 420-430mhz and 440-450mhz bands would be detrimental to the amateur community in that a lot of effort has been put forth by amateurs in this country, and other countries, to set up of things like amateur repeaters, 9600baud packet, satellite operation and the like. Approval of RM 9267 would not help the Amateur radio community at all. Please vote against it. Thank you for reading this. Hopefully you will hear from enough of us in the amateur community to make a difference, thanks again.

73
Don/KF4CUP

p.s.; A current copy of the ARRL Repeater Directory should give a good indication of the activity on both the 2 meter(144-148mhz) and 70 centimeter (420-450mhz) bands.

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From: Robert S. Scarborough <rscarburgh@aol.com>
To: A4.A4(SSEGAL)
Date: 5/15/98 10:43pm
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Robert S. Scarborough (rscarburgh@aol.com) writes:

Please do not make any changes in the 70cm band as it relates to amateur radio frequencies.

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From: Keith Rowley <keith_rowley@mail.intel.com>
To: A4.A4(FCCINFO)
Date: 5/18/98 4:51pm
Subject: RM 9267

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Gentlemen and Ladies,

I oppose the change and "take over" of the 70 cm ham band to commercial land mobile interests. I oppose RM 9267.

The 420-430 and 440-450 MHz bands are used daily and constantly by amateur radio operators all over the nation. They provide a national resource, significant emergency communication assistance and numerous other benefits. This change would isgnificantly impact huge amounts of capital and personal equipment. All funded by voluntary and personal monies. None of the equipment was government funded. This would be a financial impact to many amateurs across the country.

Thanks,
Keith Rowley

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From: Bruce Hocking <bruce.hocking@boeing.com>
To: A7.A7(WKENNARD,SNESS,MPOWELL,HFURCHTG,GTRISTAN),FC...
Date: 5/16/98 9:47am
Subject: RM-9267

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Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

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I am a licensed amateur radio operator, call sign AF7L, living here in Everett, Washington. I am a Boeing Commercial Airplane Group engineer and serve with two emergency communications groups: RACES and BACS (Boeing Auxiliary Communications System). BACS exists to provide emergency communication contact within Boeing, but also a link with other outside emergency services. Boeing has found that without BACS, emergency contact outside its fences, and between company divisions across the United States, becomes extremely difficult. We currently depend on an on-site amateur radio club 70cm repeater for initial, dependable communications for emergencies. It enables us to operate within site, as well as between other Boeing sites in the Puget Sound region. I WISH TO SAY THAT I FIND THE LMCC'S REQUEST FOR REALLOCATION OF THE 70cm BAND TO BE MOST DISTURBING. I REQUEST THAT THE FCC CONTINUE TO UPHOLD THE IMPORTANCE OF HAM RADIO OPERATION TO AMERICA'S WELL-BEING, AND RULE AGAINST THIS REQUEST.

Thank you for your consideration,
Bruce Hocking, AF7L
12919 48th Ave SE
Everett, Washington 98208

phone: (425)337-6167 (home), (425)266-4618 (work)
email: bruce.hocking@boeing.com
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From: "Jeff Nyman" <milus@netcnct.net>
To: "K7PP" <k7pp@ix.netcom.com>
Date: 5/17/98 3:04pm
Subject: RM-9267

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Dear Sirs and Madams:

I am writing to say that the proposal for change of 440 status will affect me, and the investment of money and time. I use the 440 band as an amateur and I am not at all in favor of handing over the band to taxi cabs etc. We use the band to help people and for public service in emergencies and for help at civic events. Please reject the proposed change.

KJ7YH

Jeffrey Carl Nyman

P.O. Box 1338

The Dalles, Oregon 97058

milus@netcnct.net

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From: Gary Weber <eagle1869@worldnet.att.net>
To: A7.A7(WKENNARD,SNESH,MPOWELL,HFURCHTG,GTRISTAN),FC...
Date: 5/17/98 3:21pm
Subject: RM 9267

The Chairman and Commissioner's FCC

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Hello there, I am of course a very concerned Amateur Radio operator, I am very much concerned about what the L.M.C.C group Land Mobile Communications Council, and what they are attempting to do. I have studied and worked hard to get where I am as an Extra Class Ham, to say the least over the years as to what I have invested in my equipment.

I am proud of my achievements into the the hobby and I want to let you know that I oppose the RM 9267, I believe that if these folks were aware of how many Amateurs were out here and how much we depend on the 440 frequency's that they are looking at that perhaps they would try for a different area in the spectrum.

We have a repeater here in Washington State that has very wide and useful coverage.

This system need the 440 spectrum to function properly, it also has over 3,200 active users.

Covers North into Canada south to Portland East to Spokane and west via Satellite system to Hawaii.

This is only one example there is a large amount of Packet also using the 440 spectrum.

Please take a very close look at this before making a decision there must be other areas that these folks can use.

The Seattle area is long over due for a large EarthQuake and there has been many times that the only communications that were available and used was Amateur Radio.

We need our frequency's to be of help as well.

Thank you for your time trusting you will make the right decision,
Gary G. Weber WQ7C

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From: "J.A. Betteley" <jbetteley@silverlink.net>
To: A7.A7(GTRISTAN,HFURCHTG,MPOWELL,SNES,WKENNARD)
Date: 5/17/98 11:08pm
Subject: Ref: RM-2967

Dear Commission,

I urge you to protect the frequencies presently allocated to all amateurs in the U.S. The current threat to the 70cm band is just another grab at amateur spectrum. Please don't let anyone take away our privilege of providing public service communications and the ability to aide and assist federal, state, and local authorities in times of emergency and loss of their communication abilities.

Sincerely,

Jim Betteley
Amateur Extra
N7ING

CC: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("k7pp@ix.netcom.com")

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From: "Matt Amis" <mvamis@oz.net>
To: "Pete Policani - K7PP" <k7pp@ix.netcom.com>
Date: 5/17/98 11:49pm
Subject: RM-9267

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RE: RM-9267

May 17, 1998

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W.
Washington DC 20554

I am opposed to granting the Land Mobile Services access to the 420-450 MHz band for the following reasons:

1. The Amateur usage of this band has expanded to the point that in heavier populated regions, such as the Pacific Northwest, there is no remaining spectrum space. Present usage of the band includes:

- a. Digital Networks and Backbones
- b. Amateur fast scan television, not allowed in lower frequency bands
- c. Satellite Uplinks and Downlinks (International)
- d. Narrow Band FM (NBFM) repeaters and simplex operations

2. The Land Mobile Services have not made efficient use of their presently assigned spectrum. For example, NBFM which was mandated in the late '50 is still being used. There are now more efficient narrow band modulation techniques available, such as Compandored AM which will give two to five times more channels density without loss of performance. As the demand for spectrum increases, it is only logical that the FCC mandate more efficient utilization of available spectrum rather than raiding what is already in use by other services. The advent of cellular telephone has taken pressure off of the Land Mobile Services because many users have found it more economical to use cell phones rather than invest in transceivers and repeater sites. Because of this, I question their need for additional spectrum.

3. The Amateur frequency bands were never intended to be a pool of frequencies which could be raided at will by other services. Amateur radio operators have recently gone through the Little LEO satellite threat to their two meter band, as well as threats from High Definition TV interests. Additionally, we lost 40% of the 220 MHz Band to the United Parcel Service interests who abandoned it soon after getting their new frequency allocation.

Should this petition be granted, over 100 amateur radio repeaters would go silent in the Pacific Northwest, thus jeopardizing the emergency services work with which they, and many others across the country, now serve.

I sincerely hope that the FCC in its wisdom will deny the request stated in RM-9267.

Matthew V. Amis
2196 California Ave E
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Matt Amis, K7OE, mvamis@oz.net
Kitsap County RACES Radio Officer

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Program Manager, Alternate Communications System

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From: "Jim Piper" <jimpiper@silverlink.net>
To: A7.A7(GTRISTAN,HFURCHTG,MPOWELL,SNESS,WKENNARD),FC...
Date: 5/18/98 12:04am
Subject: RM 9267

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Jim Piper
Post Office Box 217
Keyport, Washington USA 98345
hm 360.779.6251 wk 360.779.5500 fax 360.697.6252
W7JP

Sirs,

Please be advised that I have a Repeater operating in 70cm frequency range that will be affected with the implementation of this bill. There are several users on this repeater that serves the greater North Kitsap area in Washington State. Please be advised that I am strongly against this bill.

Thanks for your time and consideration on this matter,

Jim Piper

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From: John Farr <kd6clo@geocities.com>
To: A4.A4(SSEGAL)
Date: 5/18/98 12:10am
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

John Farr (kd6clo@geocities.com) writes:

Mr. Kennard,

My name is John Farr, KD6CLO, and I am an amateur radio operator in the state of Georgia. I am sending you this letter about RM-9267, the LMCC (Land Mobile Communications Council) wanting to take two-thirds of our 420-450 Mhz band away from amateurs.

I am asking you to vote against this only because of what I am writing down. I am a member of the ARRL (American Radio Relay League), and an ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) member. On March 20th, Hall County, Georgia was hit, without any warning, by a tornado at around 6:15am that morning. I was notified by members of our local club here in Lawrenceville, Georgia that Ham Radio Operators were needed in Hall County for emergency communications. In order for our ARES group to communicate within its relm. we had to use a local 440 Mhz repeater to keep the 146.670 Mhz repeater clear for any emergency traffic.

On April 9th, at 1:15am, Gwinnett County, where I reside in, was hit by a tornado. I was responsible for communications to the National Weather Service on 146.835 Mhz before the tornado hit. At 1:20am, I had offically started a damage assessment net on out 440 Mhz repeater. I was one of the main links to the Red Cross in getting mobile units to heavy damaged areas only because our main repeater on 147.075 Mhz was in use with emergency traffic. During my time span on our 440 Mhz repeater from 1:20am to 4:30am, I had reported in areas of homes that had houses either destroyed or damaged in the hundreds. Later that morning, myself and another Ham radio operator went out to survey the damage in certain areas that I had reported in to the Red Cross. Those areas that I had received during my damage assessment net on 440 Mhz, had Red Cross mobile units there and helping those in need during this time of disaster.

By allocating this size of frequency to the LMCC, you endanger emergency communications in not just Georgia, but in the entire USA. Emergency communication on not only 440 Mhz, but on all other bands that are allocated to the Amateur radio service provide the local state and county governments reliable and effective communications. I have been involved in this line of work for about 4 years and I have seen it all. From earthquakes in California, snow storms in Washington State, to tornados here in Georgia, if we loose our band usage on 440 Mhz, you loose reliable and effective emergency communications in times of need.

I thank you for your time.

Thank You,
John Farr, KD6CLO
400 Windstone Court
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30044
(770) 279-8711

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To: A7.A7(GTRISTAN,HFURCHTG,MPOWELL,SNESS,WKENNARD)
Date: 5/18/98 12:22am
Subject: RM 9267 POB2137

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Ralph A. Nettles, Sr., KC7CCR
4839 Estonia Ct. SE
Port Orchard, WA 98367

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