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11 May 1998

Secretary of the F. C. C.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Regarding: RM - 9267

Dear Sir:

As a licensed amateur radio operator and a user of the 70cm band, I hereby request and strongly urge the FCC to maintain this bands' allocation as it now stands.

Respectfully,

John R. Tudenham

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WØJRP

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Secretary, FCC
Washington, DC
20554

Frank Pliska III
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Please be advised I oppose RM9267.
I own and maintain an emergency
readiness amateur radio repeater
system that uses the frequencys
RM9267 will take away from me.
This system covers NE. Florida and
S.E. Georgia approximatly a radius
of 75 miles. It is and was designed
by myself, who works for MOTOROLA,
to aid our exsisting public safty
communications in case of any emergencies
EX. Hurricanes.

Thank You
Frank Pliska III



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Re: RM 9267

11 May 1998

Secretary
FCC
Washington DC, 20554

Dear Secretary,

I am concerned about the possible elimination of bandwidth for the amateur radio net as set forth in RM 9267. The amateur radio volunteers use the proposed frequency band daily and their use of it in emergencies and disasters is critical to the welfare and safety of all citizens. To take any of the amateur radio capability away for any purpose is unconscionable. Please do not approve RM 9267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert E. Spencer".

Robert E. Spencer, Director

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Frank Young
AMATEUR Radio NT4K
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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Hearing RM-9267

RE: ATTEMPT TO CONVERT PART OF AMATEUR RADIO FREQUENCIES

At this time, Land Mobile Services interests are making an attempt to convert part of the 450 megahertz amateur band into a commercial car phone permitted frequency.

This frequency is part of the spectrum now being used during emergency needs, such as quakes, floods, slides, storms, power failures, and the like. This frequency is sorely needed during emergency conditions by the current occupants.

The only reason this commercial interest has in attempting to steal this frequency from Amateur Radio is money in their pockets. Car phones now have more than adequate frequencies. This frequency grabber can make millions of dollars, if the F.C.C. permits this to happen. With the current White House influence wave, there is no predicting tomorrow if this kind of sneak attacks are permitted to go without a fight.

The F.C.C. docket is number RM-9267.

We, members of the American Radio Relay League, and AARP request that you, the F.C.C. do not give this national asset away.

Thank you.

Frank Young

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Re: RM-9267

Zachary Manganello, K1ZK
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Federal Communications Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my concern over the recent proposal that the PMRS share or take over the frequencies currently assigned to Amateur operators as secondary users on the 420-450 MHz band. As an avid hobbyist, having achieved the highest possible operator privileges two years ago at age 16, I implore you to uphold the status of Amateurs on the 70cm wavelength (and other) bands.

The list of reasons for maintaining our privileges is long, including public service, education, and the advancement of the radio art. The most recent demonstration of Amateur radio's importance to our community here in Maine was its response to what is now known as *Ice Storm '98*. Some households were without power for weeks, forcing evacuations to Red Cross shelters, where Amateur radio remained a vital link. When the power went out at our 2m repeater site, we switched to an alternative 70cm wavelength repeater, which kept shelters in contact with the Portland chapter of the Red Cross. Events like this take place all over the country, where Amateurs give freely their time, skills, and knowledge to help their communities. Just one more reason to save the Amateur bands.

I have found Amateur radio to be one of the most rewarding activities of my life, teaching me about physics, math, public relations, other cultures, and a plethora of other very useful subjects. Please don't let our bands be taken away.

Sincerely,
Zachary Manganello
Zachary Manganello, K1ZK
May 11, 1998

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Secretary, FCC
Washington DC 20554

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Re: RM 9267

Greetings,

I received via E-Mail about RM 9267. This is a frightening thing, this DEMAND by an UNKNOWN Organization (at least among Amateurs) on spectrum that is already widely used.

I do use Packet mode and the Packet radio network which is "trunked" for high-speed data transfer on the UHF and SHF portion of the bands being demanded by this LMCC. Excuse me, this portion of spectrum is already in use. Through "secondary" usage, the bands being DEMAND'ED by the LMCC serve the Public at NO COST to the Government and are available at any time the Government needs to use this same spectrum for Emergency and Military use. To turn over these vast chunks of spectrum to an unknown Organization is foolishness at best.

I know manpower of itself is not at question here, but it's the manpower that uses this spectrum in time of Emergency. Especially when conventional means, including cell phones, are knocked out. The Los Angeles earthquake, the many hurricanes in the last 10 years, tornadoes by the score (Memphis TN, Florida, Limon CO, Alabama) just this year alone and the tornado season isn't halfway through yet ! And the Government, through FEMA, gets all this manpower and service for FREE!!!! How are the Hams going to be the eyes for the National Weather Service if they can't have the frequencies to talk to NWS or send back pictures of funnel clouds via Amateur TV?

I understand the FCC held back Organizations who wanted to BUY the Spectrum and I thank you much for that. But to actually consider a DEMAND from an organization whom most of us know NOTHING about is ridiculous!!

I urge the FCC to **REJECT** this demand from the LMCC and to tell the LMCC to "take a hike!"



J.E. "Duke" Paulsen
A B Ø G S - Extra Class

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RM 9267
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

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Gentlemen:

I am an amateur radio operator with an interest in the 440-450 MHz spectrum. I own and operate three repeater stations in this band. These repeaters are part of a larger, linked network consisting of a total of nine repeaters, two of which are in the 50-54 MHz band. This network provides communications over a six-county area in Western New York State and Western Pennsylvania. This system outperforms much of the public safety communications systems serving the same area.

RM 9267 would effectively eliminate amateur radio utilization of the 440-450 MHz band. Although our use is presently secondary to the Federal Government, there are no usage conflicts. The proposal under consideration would reportedly continue our use as secondary. However, it is clear that new users would quickly force amateur radio operations off the air.

440-450 MHz is extremely important to amateur radio. Both repeaters and point-to-point links rely heavily on this band. Loss of important VHF and UHF amateur spectrum could severely hamper such things as NOAA weather spotter reporting and other public service/public safety activities like RACES and ARES. Public officials in this area for these functions regularly call upon amateur radio operators.

I respectfully request that you dismiss RM 9267 as having no merit nor serving in the best interests of the public.

Very truly yours,



Charles L. Kelsey, WB2EDV
15 Blanchard Street
Mayville, NY 14757

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MAY 13, 1998

Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Reference: Petition RM 9267

Sir:

I am writing you to express my personal concern, as a licensed radio amateur of 64 years experience (WA2FDK, W2RZR, W6MAG ..1934), over those aspects of reference Petition filed by the Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC), that would seek, among other things, "the immediate reallocation of 420-430 MHz, paired with 440-450 MHz, from Federal use to PRMS (Private Mobile Radio Service)." In concert with other "hams" of similar interests in emergency disaster communication provision in this area, I make considerable use of these particular segments of the Amateur Radio Service VHF/UHF allocations, with substantial FM repeater and other operation in the 440 to 450 MHz segment and a variety of uses in the 420 to 430 MHz segment, for voluntary emergency disaster preparation exercises under Red Cross, ARRL and VOAAD auspices. As you know, Amateur Radio now enjoys the use of 420 to 450 MHz on a secondary basis to the Federal Government. I have invested substantial amounts of my personal funds in recent years in my amateur radio equipment, antennas, and club repeater installation contributions which I feel will be seriously impacted by granting the petitioned change in primary assignment of these particular VHF/UHF segments to the Private Mobile Radio Services (PRMS).

Kindly consider my concerns and those of my fellow "hams", who are engaged in providing for emergency communications in the event of natural disasters, during your review of Petition RM 9267.

Sincerely,


John A. Goetz
WA2FDK

cc/ Sen. Harry Reid, NV
Sen. Richard H. Bryan, NV
Rep. John E. Ensign, NV
Rep. James A. Gibbons, NV
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RM 92-67

May 14, 1998

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As an amateur radio operator licensed for over 40 years, I wish to strongly object to the reallocation of any or all of the 420-450 Mhz amateur band.

Amateur radio has for many years provided free emergency communications across the country during disasters. In many cases, all commercial communications fail and amateur communications are the only ones operational. Much of this is only possible through repeaters operating within the 440-450 Mhz band or through repeaters on other amateur bands linked or controlled in the 420-430 Mhz band. With the requirement that repeaters be controlled above 222 Mhz and the loss of the 220-222 Mhz band, the loss of any spectrum within the 420-450 Mhz band would destroy the ability of amateurs to provide emergency communications.

With the increasing frequency of floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters, the the amateur radio emergency communications capability becomes more and more valuable as a national asset at no cost to the public. Any reallocation of frequencies would also cause the amateur community to suffer great economic hardship. Amateurs have invested millions of dollars in setting up repeaters and in personal radio equipment to provide this free public service.

I strongly urge you to keep the amateur frequency allocations as they are and reject the demands of the land mobile companies.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Beilin K6VDP
Technical Committee Chairman
Orange County Amateur Radio Club
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RM 9267, Secretary

Fee

Gentlemen,

I would like to comment in opposition to petition RM 9267, from the Land Mobile Communications Council seeking to immediately reallocate, 420 - 430 and 440 - 450 MHz, for the Private Mobile Radio Service. Amateur Radio operators need these subbands to carry out personal emergency and other public services. A loss of access to these subbands would affect them and affect the ability of Amateur Radio operators to provide needed public services.

Thankyou,

Sincerely,

Vincent Carlini

5/14/98

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RM 9267
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., NW
Washington, DC 20554

Gentlepersons,

Adding my two cents to the debate concerning government/amateur allocation of the 420-450 MHz spectrum:

I am a licensed amateur, WIAMS, who became a ham for the primary purpose of volunteering for the Civil Defense program back in the good old days. Today I participate in ARES/RACES and EOC (FEMA at the local level) activities, most significantly during the power-out period in the 1992 Hurricane Andrew mobilization of emergency services, equipment, and food stuffs in South Dade County Florida.

The availability of volunteers like myself is directly dependent upon the breadth of facilities available for amateurs to use during non-emergency times; it goes without saying that the work that we do during emergencies is likewise so dependent.

We fully understand the economic and financial pressures to reallocate the 420 MHz band; however, the spectrum is a severely limited resource which must be kept available for public/emergency use. It costs the public/government little to keep this emergency capability in reserve, much less than the cost of a standing army, or subsidizing shipbuilding yards.

Respectfully submitted,


Harris J. Heyman, Esq.
WIAMS

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SECRETARY FCC
WASHINGTON DC 20554

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I AM OPPOSED to RM 9267.

SINCERELY,

O.O. Shaddox, KR5P
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Reference to RM 9267

Dear Sir

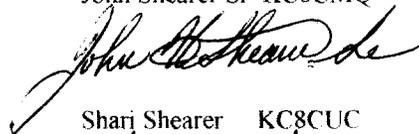
As a Amateur Radio Operator KC8CMQ and also A.R.R.L. member, I would like to take this time to let you know I am against the take over of the 70cm Ham Band for Commercial use.

I got my ticket in Feb. 28, 1996 and the last two years I have spent a lot of money in my station not only for ground use, but also space Satellites. Both my wife KC8CUC and myself have made contacts with the last three Astronauts on Mir, Foale, Wolf, and Thomas. This gives us a thrill knowing we can do this as part of our privileges as Amateur Radio.

I know the money we have spent so far is small compared to what was spend by Amsat and Nasa to put these goodies up there for us

I have been trying for two years to learn the code for CW and with my medical problem I still can't get 5wpm so I have to stay where I am now, VHF UHF. Now this has come up and someone wants to take this away from us. Please put your foot down, say NO for the little people like me that cant spend much on professional help to stop these people. Not to long ago Little Leo was also trying to take from us also.

Thanks
John Shearer Sr KC8CMQ



Shari Shearer KC8CUC



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Arley A. Garvin WB5NKC
3409 S.W. 20th St.
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May 12, 1998

Secretary FCC
Washington, DC 20554

RE RM 92 67
Dear Sirs,

I do not think the Amateur Radio operators of the past, present and future should be punished by taking from them frequencies they have used, are using and will use to just give to a "Land Mobile Communication Council."

The frequencies are 420 MHZ to 430 MHZ, 440 MHZ to 450 MHZ, 1390 MHZ to 1400 MHZ, 1427 MHZ to 1432 MHZ and also the 1670 MHZ to 1675 MHZ and 960 MHZ to 1215 MHZ.

Amateurs help in disaster where and when needed.

Sincerely,

Arley A. Garvin WB5NKC

Arley A. Garvin

cc: James Inhofe US Senate
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City of Ponca City
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May 12, 1998

SECRETARY
FCC
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear, Administrator

I want you to know I oppose RM 9267! Also, I don't understand why amateurs have to fight with the FCC to keep our frequencies. Why can't the FCC tell the private sector these frequencies have been allotted to the amateurs, and leave it there? We have two 70-cm nets with repeaters during emergencies. We also run two 2-m nets along with the three government nets. Oklahoma is covered with amateur nets during emergencies or weather threats. We have amateur station in the national Weather Offices in Norman and in Tulsa, OK. And every one of these people are volunteering their equipment and time during these emergencies.

I know the LMCC and PMRS see amateur radio as a hobby. But, they don't see the rest of the picture.

It is time to leave the amateur's segments alone!!

Sincerely,


Tom Montgomery, OCEM KC5RGX
Director of Emergency Management

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Coy C Day
RR 1, Box 254
Union City, OK 73090-9726

May 11, 1998

Secretary, FCC
Washington DC, 20554.

Greetings:

The purpose of this letter is to personally ask you to not look favorably on RM 9267. I am very strongly opposed to this proposal. The proposal would cause severe damage to one of the most popular amateur radio bands. As the Emergency Manager for Union City, OK, I used this frequency in a multitude of ways in support of emergency communications. Do not limit our capabilities for emergency communications! The 2 meter band is so crowded that the 450 MHz band has become a mainstay for emergency communications.

Sincerely,



Coy C. Day, N5OK

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Michael McAmis - W1ECT
433 Hanover Center Road
Etna, N.H. - 03750

Re: RM-9267

I was dismayed to hear that there is consideration being given to reassigning the 440 Mhz band to commercial interests. While I realize that these business interests wield a lot more power than the average citizen, I hope that you will resist this pressure. This band is becoming increasingly important for the amateur service as VHF activity increases. Conversations with frequency coordinators do not support the claim that the band is under-utilized. I can't believe that a strategy of sharing this band on a "non-interference" basis could lead anywhere but to having amateur allocations gradually reduced until the commercial interests had complete control.



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Donald E. McNallen

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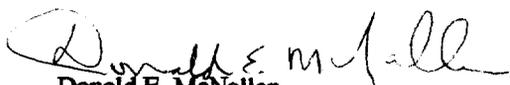
Re: RM 9267

Dear Sir or Madam:

As a licensed amateur radio operator, I am writing to express my opposition to certain provisions of RM 9267 which have been proposed by the Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC). The LMCC wants the 70 cm. amateur radio band immediately reallocated from the federal government to the Private Mobile Radio Service (PMRS). This proposed action would be extremely detrimental to the amateur radio service. A primary allocation of the 70 cm. band exclusively for the use of the PMRS would effectively eliminate the usefulness of hundreds of amateur repeaters now utilizing the 70 cm. band. Many of these repeaters are part of linked systems which enable entire regions of the U.S. to benefit from severe weather warning nets and seamless emergency communications.

The public service aspects of many of the amateur 70 cm. repeaters can hardly be overemphasized. The National Weather Service frequently has amateur radio operators utilizing the 70 cm. amateur band stationed at NWS centers throughout the country. Quite often, the ham operators working with the NWS are communicating through 70 cm. linked repeaters with weather spotters throughout a region under the threat of severe weather. The 70 cm. amateur band is the backbone of linked emergency communications. I hope the Commission does not allow the LMCC to take the critically important 70 cm. band away from the amateur radio service.

Very truly yours,


Donald E. McNallen
Amateur Callsign: W5EI

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Huey D. Hammontree, Jr.
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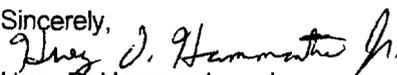
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RM 9267
Secretary, FCC
Washington, DC 20554

To Whom It May Concern:

Let me start this letter by stating that I have been an amateur radio operator since 1993 when I became a Technician No Code ham with the call sign KB5ZRE. I recently upgraded my license to be a Technician Plus and have already passed the General class written test and am close to passing the 13wpm Morse code requirement. Since I work as a computer programmer and computer network engineer I am no stranger to technological changes or to having to study long hours to keep up with technology. Therefore, you can see why I became outraged when I recently found out that RM 9267 had been submitted to the FCC by the LMCC (Land Mobile Communications Council) to take away our amateur radio operator privileges on the 70 cm band which is 420-450 MHz. This band is the second most popular of the Amateur radio services' VHF and UHF allocations. There are literally thousands of FM repeaters operating from 440 to 450 MHz and a variety of modes on the air every day in the 420 to 430 MHz segment. My wife recently took and passed the written tests to become a Technician No Code licensed ham and is anxiously awaiting her call sign. Now, I hear that I must tell her that the same governing body that set the guidelines for the written material that she so painstakingly studied to get her license now wants to rip away about 1/3 of her frequency rights for her new license. I myself spend most of my air time while I am mobile talking on either the 2 meter (144-148 MHz) or the 70 cm (420-450 MHz) bands. The primary driving force in my wife's interest in getting her license was so that she could talk on the 2 meter and 70 cm frequencies while she was in her car since she spends much of her time on the job driving. Your office alone has the power to insure that our rights as ham radio operators are not violated. Ham radio operators do not simply use these frequencies for idle chitchat and certainly not for business use. We try to help our fellow men and women in times of crisis, to pass on messages from family that are in other countries that may not have access to land lines to talk to their family members, the hobby itself helps bolster the technological interests of our youth in electronics. Several years ago, about 7 years I believe the Monroe, LA area experienced a major flood and was in a state of national emergency. All major forms of communications were down. The ham community was called on to help and responded immediately. A volunteer ham operator was placed in all police cars and emergency units with a 2 meter or 70 cm ham radio to pass on messages. Again, the 2 meter and 70 cm bands got the local messages out and if they needed to be relayed a long distance they were relayed on those bands (i.e. 6, 10, 20, 40 meters, etc.). SkyWarn is a weather watch program that lets people know about weather conditions. Again, the ham community uses the 2 meter and 70 cm frequencies to tell others about severe storms. Yet, another use of the 70 cm band is Amateur Video Television, which I personally have not had a chance to experiment with yet. Please do not give away our precious frequencies to the commercial sector. You can not put a money amount on information that is passed freely to help our neighbors in quality of life and in safety of life and property. I implore you to think with your heart and head and not with your pocketbook.

Sincerely,

Huey D. Hammontree, Jr.

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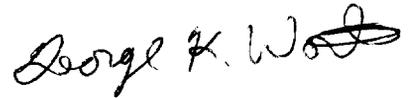
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Re: RM 9267

Dear Sir / Madam,
I've written you today to declare my opposition to RM 9267. I feel that there must be no further encroachment into amateur bands by commercial interests. Thank you.

Sincerely,



George K. Worth
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Alfred D. Crudele, Jr. (N2HEP)
13 Cory Lane
Newburgh, NY 12550

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Secretary
FCC
Washington, DC 20554

Re: RM 9267

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have written you today to declare my opposition to RM 9267. I feel it would be a tragedy for amateur radio to loose the 440 MHz band. It is the second most popular FM band. I feel that there must be no further encroachment into amateur bands by commercial interests. Thank you four your consideration in this very important matter.

I am sure your decision will take into consideration all the volunteer work done by amateur radio.

Sincerely,



Alfred D. Crudele, Jr.

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Michael A. Cohen, Pharm.D.

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Federal Communications Commission
Secretary of the FCC
Washington, D.O. 20554

Ref: RM-9267

Dear Commission.

As a licensed Amateur Radio operator I want to go on record as being strongly against the petition under consideration, RM-9267.

I am active on many Amateur Radio frequencies that promote the public welfare through emergency, disaster and public service communications. The frequencies stated in RM-9267 (420 MHZ to 430 MHZ and 440 MHZ to 450 MHZ) are very important to our continued success in serving the public through our work. These frequency band segments include important linking, control, amateur television and repeater systems that are used daily in Southern California.

Amateur Radio has proven to be a successful secondary user to the military radar operations on these frequency bands. RM-9267 contains no technical solutions to prove that Amateur Radio users could continue to use these bands without serious interference if land mobile communications become the primary user.

Amateur Radio operators in Southern California can continue to be a vital communications resource to the public during emergencies and disasters if RM-9267 is not approved.

Sincerely



Michael A. Cohen

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TO: SECRETARY, FCC
FROM: BRADLEY A HAMPTON
SUBJ: RM 9267

Dear SIR, I am a amateur radio operator who is very active in my community providing emergency communications and for practice I and my fellow "hams" provide communications for many public events.

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| washington state special olympics | wenatchee WA | 26 mar 98 |
| ridge to river relay | wenatchee WA | 19 april 98 |
| holland happening parade | oak harbor WA | 25 april 98 |
| apple blossom parade | wenatchee WA | 02may 98 |

we provide this "service" to our community for FREE we do not charge for our equipment we don't charge for out time we don't charge for our many hours of training.

the frequencies we use in support of out community allow us to provide a very flexable means of communications that run parallel to public safety to allow us to handle low level traffic so that the public safety channels are free for high priority communications.

please consider this when you review RM 9267 and decide not to turn over the 440Mhz area of the amateur band or any other amateur band you may consider for private use.

I am sure you will see messages with lists of how amateurs are making full use of the frequencies we are allocated. I know the 440Mhz area is used in all areas of communications digital, FM, SSB, I know of a group of people who tryed to bounce a signal off a comets tale or who successfully picked up the signal from the mars surveyor with an antenna about 1000th the size being used by NASA.

for the good of the public please don't allow these frequencies to go private.

thank you for your time

respectfully

Bradley Hampton KC7MRP

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5699 Time Court
Sacramento, Ca. 95824-2062
May 11, 1998

Secretary of the FCC
1919 M St. NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir;

This letter is in response to the petition filing by the Land Mobile Communications Council, RM 9267.

As an Amateur Radio Operator, I am well aware of the efforts by private industry and communications concerns in obtaining additional spectrum for their own purposes and needs. However, I feel I must remind the FCC of the efforts of Hams in assisting others in time of need.

There are literally thousands of repeaters located in the frequencies from 440-450MHz. Should this petition be successful, what is to become of these repeaters? Are they going to be forced to move to 430-440MHz? What about the band plan? Repeaters are not allowed there. Repeaters are our most valuable resource, especially in time of disaster or some other form of public assistance.

Unfortunately, I see this effort as a grab at frequencies that are better served by the Amateur Radio community. Please consider my thoughts in this process, as well as the thousands of other letters that you will be receiving on this matter.



Rick F. McCusker, KO6DJ

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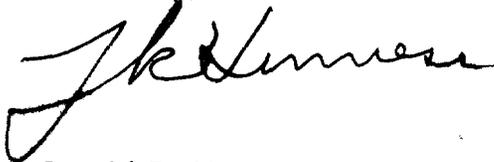
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LMCC DEMANDS 70 CM HAM BAND FOR COMMERCIAL USE

I am very concerned that part of the Amateur Radio band may be reallocated to another interest. As you know, Amateurs have for years have been responsible for emergency communications under numerous disasters.

As time goes on, there will be more and more of a need to retain our frequencies.

Please help us by not allowing this change to take place.

Sincerely,



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