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Federal Communications Commission
Secretary of the FCC, Room 222
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Dear Commission:

REF: RM-9267

As a licensed Amateur Radio operator I want to go on record as being strongly opposed to the referenced petition.

I am active on 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 my and other amateurs continued success in serving the public. These frequency band segments include important linking, control, amateur television and repeater systems that are used daily in Southern California. The 440MHz amatuer band is filled with amateur operations in Southern California and other major population centers throughout the country. The band accomodates all of these operations through amateur coordination and band planing.

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. I suggest that land mobile communication providers investigate new communication technologies for use in their allocated spectrum and foster the use of higher unused bands.

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.

Further, I recommend that the FCC permit Amateur Radio operators to investigate, experiment with and use new communication technologies within all of the Amateur Bands. The results of these efforts can then be applied to increasing the communication traffic of all users within the limited spectrum allocations.

Sincerely,



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Secretary of the FCC
Washington, D.C. 20554

To whom it may concern:

I am an amateur radio operator, and I primarily use the 440 - 450 MHz UHF band with my handheld transceiver. This band is very active in my area with several dozen repeater systems which are used daily.

This amateur band is used extensively for public service events and disaster relief.

In deference to the many operators who use this frequency spectrum and have invested money in equipment for use here, please deny re-allocation of this band.

Thank You Very Much,

Timothy W. Zeimann

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Secretary Magalie Roman Salas
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Dear Secretary Salas:

I am writing in regard to RM 9267, the proposed rule making where Land Mobile would appropriate the Amateur 420 - 250 MHZ Band.

I wish to strongly OPPOSE this action. The Amateur "440 band" has been a very popular band to the amateur community and also a very important service to the public in general.

When we had our "rather large" earthquake in Southern California in January of 1993, it was NOT "Ma Bell" or Land Mobile or Cell Phones that provided uninterrupted communications, it WAS the Amateur Radio Service and in Particular the 2 Meter and 440 Groups. The "440 system" I belong to has linked repeaters on several mountains in Southern California and those repeaters continued to work after the earthquake. I couldn't use my telephone or cell phone but I could use my 440 handheld just fine.

The loss of the "440 band" to the Amateur Community would be tragic.

I have been a licensed Amateur for some 40 years. I started out as a Novice in 1958 as WH6CYS and quickly earned my General Class and became KH6CYS. I held that license for many years and finally converted to a California Call, WB6ZYY, some time in the early '70ies.

Until now, while I may not have approved of everything the FCC did, I never felt the Commission to be "underhanded." However, with thus current Rule Making # 9267, I do believe this to be the most underhanded thing I've seen the FCC attempt to do since I became an Amateur. I say this because with the advent of the Internet and your own WWW Site (www.fcc.gov) virtually everything the FCC has proposed over the past several years has been posted and posted in a timely manner.

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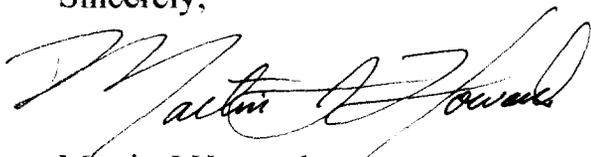
This particular Rule Making is not only NOT POSTED, when I called and inquired as to where I could find it I was told it WOULD NOT be posted. The lack of posting of this proposed rule making to the FCC's WebSite, the short response time, and lack of publicity about it, makes me an individual wonder just what the Land Mobile Service is offering and to whom. Certainly the Land Mobile Service, as a business group, has far more financial resources than the Amateur Community, however does that mean that they are "more important" to the public, public service, general community, etc. than the Amateur Service? Or, does it simply mean that they speak "louder" with more money?

I have never had any reason to feel this way about any other FCC action or proposed action and I'm really disappointed that I have to feel this way about this one.

I hope that you will do everything in your power to help the Amateur Radio Service retain the 420 - 450 MHZ spectrum keeping in mind not only the investment the Amateur Community has in it already but more importantly the service the Amateur Community offers the public in times of need.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Martin J Howard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Martin J Howard
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Secretary of the FCC
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re: RM 9267

To whom it may concern:

I am an amateur radio operator (K3MYR) licensed for almost 40 years.

I am opposed to this effort to take away amateur privileges in the 70 CM UHF band (440-450 MHz).

In the Philadelphia metropolitan area, there are many 440 repeaters. It is used extensively for emergency communications & public service events.

In addition, it provides relief to the crowded 2 meter repeaters in this area.

Also, many amateur radio operators have invested in 440 MHz equipment to take advantage of this band.

Please deny any attempt to re-allocate this band for any other use than amateur radio service both now or in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

P. Michael Zemann K3MYR

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is about the Notice of Proposed Rule Making RM-9267.

I am writing to express my disapproval of the petition of the Land Mobile Communications Council to reallocate the 420 to 430 MHz and 440 to 450 MHz bands from primary government use to land mobile use.

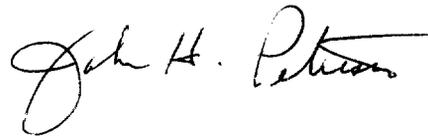
These bands have been in use by amateur radio as a secondary user for many years. During that time, amateur radio has put these bands to good use in amateur television, repeaters, and auxiliary stations. There are many multi-receive site FM repeaters in the 145 to 148 MHz band. Used not only for normal amateur use but also invaluable in public service activities, the 70 centimeter band extends the receive range of repeater to enable wide area coverage that would be impossible without these auxiliary stations.

The Land Mobile Communications Council has said that it does not oppose the continued use by amateur radio on a secondary basis. However, as these bands become more active with land mobile use and with amateur radio's secondary status, the prospect for continued use of these bands by amateur radio is serious doubt to me. If the FCC grants their proposal, it will be hard to recoup these frequencies if needed for future government use.

Amateur operators have collectively invested greatly of their equipment so that it can be used to the benefit of their local communities and for amateur use. Please be mindful of the impact this will have on these people who have contributed so much in the past and if allow to continue unfettered, will be there for whatever the future brings.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Sincerely,



John H. Peterson
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Secretary
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Re: RM 9267

Dear Mr. Secretary,

As a amateur radio operator, I strongly repudiate the transfer of the any portion of the spectrum that brackets any of the assigned bands to amateur radio for private use, including the 440 MHz (70cm) band. In this age of almost draconian commercialization of many natural resources, the radio spectrum in the hands of the socially helpful ham society is a breath of fresh air. This proposed transfer would nullify lots of altruistic and useful activities. Furthermore, it will make a significant amount of the equipment in hands of operators practically useless, currently the 440 band is the second popular. Please keep the band allocation within the current status quo.

Respectfully,



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Subject: RM 9267

The frequency reallocation of the 70CM band (420-430 MHz, paired with 440-450 MHz) would be a *major disservice to the general public*. The amateur radio operators use of this band for **public events, natural disasters, emergencies and general correspondence** provides communications in a way that could never be realized by the 'private radio' sector (PMRS).

The HAMS have made a large investment in the equipment used to support the 70CM band and their repeater networks. This investment is the backbone of the communications system used to support the HAMS' public events programs all over the country, and without it most of the activities would be abandoned or reduced in scale to an ineffective level.

The continued use of this band by the amateur radio operators is in the public's interest, and should be protected by the FCC now and in the future.

Sincerely,



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Re: RM 9267

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am perplexed. A couple of months ago, the "little Low Earth Orbit" satellite people were after frequency bands used by amateurs. Now the 440 MHz band is being coveted by land mobile people. The 440 MHz band is second only to the 2 meter band in use. In the local (Southern California) area, many repeaters, linked repeaters, and simplex operators use the band. A number of police and emergency people use portions of the band. However, the police seem to be moving to higher frequencies.

The amateur bands will be essential for communication **when** (not if) the next major earthquake occurs in California. In areas that are visited by tornadoes or hurricanes, the bands will also be essential for emergency communication.

If the land mobile people really need new frequencies, why not let them use the bands that are being vacated or use higher bands that are not as used as the 440 MHz band.

Sincerely,



Alan Leigh Armstrong

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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 approve

Thank You



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Sirs;

I read with dismay ^{MAY 19 1998} that Amateur Radio is again being attacked by commercial ~~communications~~ ^{FOG MAIL ROOM} Again Commercial Communications want access to more frequency bands allocated to Amateur Radio. With the advancement of Technology, There has been a proliferation of companies in the communications field. Many of them clamoring for the frequencies that are available.

The Amateur Radio Community has enjoyed the use of its designated frequency bands for decades. Amateur Radio operators take pride in their use of these bands and are very careful not to jeopardize their privilege to use these frequency bands.

The Amateur Radio Community has used their designated frequency bands for many uses. They have provided countless hours of community service providing communications. The Amateurs have been instrumental in emergency situations with their communications skills. Amateur Radio fosters brotherhood and good will world wide with their communications abilities.

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The commercial communications business cannot make the claim of providing the above services and good will as can Amateur Radio. The commercial communications business is in business to make money. There is an indication in the petition (RM9267) that Amateurs may use the subject frequencies on a secondary basis. I believe that once the

Commercial Radio concerns receive possession as primary users, Amateur Radio will have lost use of these frequencies forever.

It would be doing the Amateur Radio community a disservice if the FCC would grant the Petition filed by the Land Mobile Communications Council for reallocation of 70 cm band frequencies. When one considers all that the Amateur Radio community has done and can do with its allocation of frequency bands it would be a disservice to restrict them in any way from using all frequencies that the FCC has granted them. It would be an idea if the FCC would recommend to the commercial Radio community that they look at how they are using their allotted frequency bands and restructure their use to be more efficient.

Sincerely,

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Sirs:

I feel that RM 9267 would be a big injustice to the Amateur radio. As the 70cm section that they are wanting is the 2nd most used section in HAM RADIO. There are thousands of people using this mode at this time, and it would force them all to junk their equipment. Private Mobile Radio Service needs to look somewhere else than the AMATEUR RADIO SECTIONS (any of them).

Thanks for listening to me.

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