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May 18, 1998

Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington D.C. 20554

Re: RM 9267

Dear Sir:

My amateur radio call sign is KF6NNG. I am writing to urge you to reject the "demand" for reallocation of 70 centimeter spectrum to private commercial use.

While no amateur likes to lose any of the spectrum currently available to us, we have a particular reason for objecting to this commercial demand. Many of us are members of volunteer organizations such as ARES and RACES, which regularly respond to requests for communication assistance in times of local disaster. In such cases, we provide backup communications for local government agencies and set up radio communications between the scene of the disaster and local area hospitals which have agreed to receive and treat the victims of such disasters.

I am also a member of the San Diego Humane Society's Animal Rescue unit, which responds to all large wildfires here in San Diego county. We depend heavily on the repeater interlinks between the 2 meter and 70 centimeter bands to maintain communications with our units behind fire lines.

Obviously our ability to safely support these activities will be seriously damaged if RM 9267 is approved. I therefore respectfully request that you deny this request.

Sincerely yours,



Katherine E. Reid
KF6NNG

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Hurst, Texas
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Betty Roden WB5DMR (Amateur Call)
612 Post Oak Dr.
Hurst, Texas 76053-6520

I am a member of the Hurst Amateur Radio Club, who operates the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service in conjunction with the City of Hurst and Tarrant County.

Regards, *Betty L. Roden WB5DMR*

c: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Congresswoman Kay Granger,
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612 Post Oak Dr.
Hurst, Texas 76053-6520

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Regards, *John Roden*

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Name: ANSEL D. COATES
Call: KJ5QJ
Address: 444 SUNSET OAKS DR.
Town, State, and zip FORT WORTH TX 76112

I am a member of the Hurst Amateur Radio Club, who operates the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service in conjunction with the City of Hurst and Tarrant County.

Signed: Ansel D. Coates

c: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Congresswoman Kay Granger,
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Office of The Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Rm 222
1919 M St. NW
Washington, DC 20554

5/18/98

Dear Sirs:

Re: Petition RM 9267

It has recently come to my attention that the Land Mobile Communications Council has filed the above mentioned petition with the FCC which would make serious inroads into ham amateur radio frequencies in the 70 cm. band. This is a UHF band which is extensively used by hams all over the United States. Very often this band is used in communications of a public service nature such as coordinating events at bike races, marathons, etc. Not to mention emergency use. The majority of mobile ham operations in the United States takes place on the two meter and 70 cm. bands. It is very doubtful if the two meter band would withstand additional pressure if a significant portion of the 70 cm. band were to be lost to radio amateurs.

Ham radio amateurs over the United States have always been very responsive to public service needs in times of disaster and long long hours of volunteer work have been offered by hams without the slightest suggestion of remuneration. The satisfaction of serving has always been reward enough for those of us in ham radio operations.

Accordingly I am urging you strongly to turn down this petition by the LMCC to take away a large part of our UHF bands.

Thank you kindly for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,


Thomas H. Aselfine, MD
(KE6CSL)

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Federal Communications Commission
Secretary of the FCC, Room 222
1919 M. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 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,



Mr. Kurt Carter
10543 Nassau Ave.
Sunland CA 91040

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FCC MAIL ROOM

May 15, 1998

Secretary of
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

REF: RM 9267

I understand that the Land Mobile Communication Counsel has petitioned your office to re-allocate portions of the 70 Centimeter Band, such as the 420-430, 440-450 portions.

I am an Amateur Radio Operator since many years, which I have thoroughly enjoyed, but also, the 70 Centimeter Band has been, and still is, successfully used in emergency situations.

Please do not take above mentioned Band Portions away from us. I hope this is only one of many letters you will receive to help influence your decision in our favor.

Thank you,

Thomas Y. Christopher
Thomas Y. Christopher, WA4UGH
6421 Adams Park Dr.
Columbus, GA 31909
706-323-9070

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Town: Hurst, Texas
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Name: BETTYE DORSEY
Call: N5TVZ
Address: 1120 CAVENDER DR.
Town, State, and zip HURST TX 76053

I am a member of the Hurst Amateur Radio Club, who operates the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service in conjunction with the City of Hurst and Tarrant County.

Signed: Bettye Dorsey

c: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison,
284 Russell Sen. Off. Bldg.
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Ft. Worth, TX 761002

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RICHARD SWIG
2306 ROLLING HILLS
COUNCIL BLUFFS IA 51503

FCC
WASHINGTON D.C.

MAY 20 1998

GENTLEMEN:

AS AN INVOLVED RADIO AMATEUR I AM CONCERNED ABOUT RM 9267 WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE USE OF OUR TV REPEATER AND PACKET MESSAGE DISTRIBUTION NETWORK IN THE OMAHA/COUNCIL BLUFFS AREA. IN THE PAST TEN YEARS WE'VE DEVELOPED THE ABILITY TO SHOW REAL TIME RADAR FROM SEVERAL SOURCES OVER THE TV REPTR WHICH USES 420-426 MHz. A DOZEN ^{VOICE} REPEATERS AND THE HIGH SPEED PACKET ^{MSG} DISTRIBUTION NETWORK USE FREQUENCIES IN THE 441-449 AREA. BOTH SERVICES ARE HELPFUL IN DEALING WITH SEVERE WEATHER REPORTING IN THIS AREA.

yours truly,

Richard Swig
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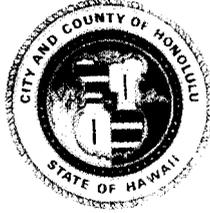
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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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JEREMY HARRIS
MAYOR



JOSEPH D. REED
ADMINISTRATOR

May 17, 1998

RM 9267

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

Re: Land Mobile Communications Council, Petition RM 9267

Dear Sir:

I understand that on April 22, 1998, the Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC) filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), designated RM-9267, which seeks to immediately reallocate the radio frequency bands 420-430 Mhz, paired with 440-450 MHz for the use of the Private Mobile Radio Service (PMRS).

This would be devastating for emergency communications not only in the State of Hawaii but across the entire United States. Further, it would severely curtail vital support that Amateur Radio communications contributes to many public service events.

The City and County of Honolulu through its Oahu Civil Defense Agency relies heavily, as do many other state and local jurisdictions, on Amateur Radio's 420-450 Mhz band for emergency communications and to connect with repeaters on the 144-148 Mhz band. These bands provided essential communication in the aftermath of Hurricane Iniki, which did \$1.5 billion worth of damage to our state. Specifically, on Oahu alone, about half of the 43 frequencies in the 70 cm band registered with our state repeater coordinator are related to emergency communications. Further, the City and County has invested considerable sums of money in radio equipment for these bands to insure that emergency communications do not fail us.

In addition to emergency services, these bands are used regularly to support public services events, such as state and local parades as well as races, including the Honolulu Marathon, which attracts 30,000 participants from around the world every December. Radio Amateurs has provided such services for years not only here but in cities and towns across the United States, free of charge.

Clearly the frequency reallocation proposed by the LMCC is incompatible with the Amateur Radio Service. It would be disastrous for emergency communications as well as for the many public service events Radio Amateurs have supported for decades. As a licensed Radio Amateur and Coordinator for Oahu's Radio Amateur Emergency Radio Service, I urge you to reject the reallocation of the 420-450 Mhz radio frequency bands as outlined in RM-9267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Raymond Moody".

Raymond Moody
AH6LT
Oahu RACES Coordinator

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Call: K5DSP
Address: 1120 Cavender Dr.
Town, State, and zip Hurst, Tx 76053

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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of: An Allocation of Spectrum for Private Mobile Radio Services RM-9267

To: The Secretary, Federal Communications Commission

STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO RM-9267

I am writing in opposition to the Land Mobile Communications Council's proposal to re-allocate the 420-430 MHz and 440-450 MHz frequency spectrum to commercial, private, land mobile applications. Instead, I ask that the Commission change the Amateur allocation from secondary to co-primary with the U.S. government. Prior to the Cold War era, the Amateur Radio Service was a primary status user of these frequencies.

With the tremendous success of the modern "no code" Technician license and the high growth of Amateur UHF operations, now is the time to restore Amateur Radio's historic primary status within the 420-450 MHz band.

The 420-450 MHz Amateur allocation is the second most used Amateur VHF/UHF band. The LMCC has requested "sharing" this band with Amateur operations yet provides no explanation for how "sharing" might occur. Based on the history of "sharing" with commercial services (particularly the example of AVL companies "sharing" 902-928 MHz who ordered hams off the air), "sharing" means that Amateur operations will be evicted from the band. This is what happens when commercial, for profit services "share" with not-for-profit, community service oriented Amateur Radio operations.

Amateur Radio has and will continue to share its VHF/UHF allocations with mutually compatible services and operations. These have included, the U.S. government, the U.S. military, NOAA doppler wind shear radar and other government radiolocation services. Amateur Radio has a long and proud history of supporting the U.S. armed forces and NOAA through the National Weather Service's SkyWarn system. For these reasons, there is a mutual interest in sharing between compatible services like Amateur Radio and the U.S. government. However, there are no mutual interests in common with for-profit private land mobile services; "sharing," as in the AVL example, will result in the loss of 420-430 and 440-450 MHz by the Amateur service, which will prove devastating to the mission of the Amateur Radio service.

Many government agencies and non-profit disaster relief organizations would be tremendously harmed by the loss of the Amateur 420-430 and 440-450 MHz allocations.

Private and for-profit radio services do not have mutually compatible interests with the Amateur Radio Service. Sharing between private land mobile and the Amateur Radio Service, as proposed by the LMCC, will not work. The 420-450 MHz band is the second most used VHF/UHF Amateur Radio allocation. The loss of these frequencies will cause severe disruption to the mission of Amateur Radio, as specified in C.F.R. Title 47 Part 97.1, and will render severe harm to the Amateur's ability to support numerous government and non-profit relief agencies.

I respectfully request that you DENY the request of the LMCC to share the Amateur radio allocations at 420-430 and 440-450 MHz. Instead, I request that the Commission restore Amateur Radio's historic co-primary status in the entire band 420-450 MHz.

Sincerely,

Harry Sewush - KD4JMV
1524 N. ANDREWS AVE.
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL. 33311

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Dear Sirs or those responsible
for actions regarding the proposed
acquisition of the 420-450 MHz
Band known to amateurs as the
70 centimeter band

I find it rather disturbing that
federal part of government is becoming
no more than an auctioneer of resources
to the highest bidder are we to treat
our citizens as the students when
treated simple more over is that the
highest bidder can do with the 420-450 MHz
as was done with the 220 portion of THE
amateur Band? As a young amateur and ~~voter~~
you and those should be reminded that what is
done by government shaped the way our
young voters vote let big business develop
new technology to operate there services instead
of what taking over band that our being
utilized buy tax payers well that is it
I hope that you get my drift as I assure
you that you won't get my vote next election
with this type
of actions!

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May 20, 1998

RM9267
Secretary
Federal Communications Commissions
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Re: PMRS Request RM9267, Public Comment

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an Advanced Class F.C.C. licensed Radio Amateur and a member of Radio Amateur Civilian Emergency Service (Under FEMA) and the A.R.R.L. administered Amateur Radio Emergency Service. As such I am part of a large group of licensed radio amateurs which devote time to public service for community safety and benefit. The major advantages to these civilian services are that we are always ready to respond with emergency communications equipment, especially in times in which the normal channels of communication are disrupted, as happened during Hurricane Andrew and during other such natural disasters. We operate essentially for local (within 30 miles) communications, although longer range communications are also available. For the short distance communications we use two frequency bands, the 144 MHz and the 440 MHz "Ham" bands. These are the only frequencies currently allocated by the FCC to amateur radio which can be used for this purpose. Both bands have different radio characteristics and both are essential to that purpose.

Any reallocation of these two frequency bands would seriously impede our abilities to provide these services and would result in harm to our local community, the regional community and the nation as a whole and I urge you not to reallocate these "ham" bands.

Yours truly,


Theodore M. Budman N2LVC

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