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RM 9267

From: Eric R. Howell <erhowell@avana.net>
To: A4.A4 (SSEGAL)
Date: 5/29/98 8:09pm
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Eric R. Howell (erhowell@avana.net) writes:

Mr. Kennard

I would like to request that RM9267 be disapproved. This request if approved for rule would eliminate the second most used band by amateur radio operators. I will not take up your valuable time with rhetoric about how the amateur community has provided service to the community throughout the years, the facts speak for themselves. With the emergence of a trunked network throughout most of the US I would think that a ready source of communicators would be automatically written into any disaster plan. I have been involved in several disasters and when the local authorities could not communicate, they relied on the Amateur community.

I will conclude with the request once more that this request be refused.

Thank you
Eric Howell
1380 Mill Brook Circle
Marietta, GA 30066

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DOCKET FILE CONVENTION!

From: Norman Davis WB6SHI <normd@directcon.net>
To: A4 .A4 (FCCINFO)
Date: 5/30/98 6:47am
Subject: RM 9267 opinion

I have recently read about the move to take over the 70 CM band by special interests. Please do not allow the selling of the last private use bands available. The hardship and expense of moving or giving up these heavily used frequencies is great. I don,t like the FCC selling frequencies and will continue to oppose this practice.

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From: <Terrak@aol.com>
To: A7.A7 (GTRISTAN, HFURCHTG, MPOWELL, SNESS, WKENNARD), FC...
Date: 5/30/98 3:04pm
Subject: att: Room 9267. Opposition to sale of Ham 420-450 band

This letter is to express opposition to the positioning of the Amateur Radio Service to secondary status on the 420--450 band. The band works very well in its present arrangement, largely due to the light usage of the band in the part of government and military services. As a result, the Amateur Radio community has made very good use of this band, with large numbers of FM repeaters, repeater systems links for this band and others, amateur television, and satellite communications. These installations represent a very sizable private investment in time, effort, and money on the part of amateur radio operators. Most of these systems are available for public service use when needed at no charge to the public, such as natural disasters when commercial communication links are disrupted.

In the event the petition is implemented, the Amateur Radio Service would assume secondary status on the 420--450 band to many commercial entities and government agencies. The frequency of usage by the primary licencees would make useage by the amateur radio service almost impossible. The loss of usage would be a tremendous sacrifice for both amateurs and the general public in times of emergencies. I urge you to reject the petition. Thank you.

Warren E. Herzog N7YBA
Larry Moreland WA70

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From: "Terry Czapiewski" <tczap7@hotmail.com>
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)
Date: 5/29/98 6:25pm
Subject: RM-9267 Frpm Newsline 1082

Gentlemen

I am In disagreement with the intent of removing any frequencies from
the amatuer radio bands

sincerely, Terry Czapiewski ,KC7UTZ

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From: wayne bantz <w6huy@interx.net>
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)
Date: 5/28/98 7:33pm
Subject: 450MHZ BAND

DON'T GET RID OF THE FREQUENCY 70CM BAND (420-450)

THANK YOU
WAYNE TZ
W6HUY

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From: jerome w silverstein <k3fki@juno.com>
To: A7.A7 (GTRISTAN, MPOWELL, HFURCHTG, SNESS, WKENNARD), FC...
Date: 5/29/98 8:02pm
Subject: FCC Docket # RM9267

As a licensed amateur radio operator for the past 38 years, i feel that the amateur radio community has been impacted by recent changes in frequency allocation. I might add that such activity is certainly not appropriate.

Amateurs have spent many years developing the VHF/UHF spectrum areas. We have seen to it that reliable communications can be maintained for public service and emergency communications.

The current attempt to take the 70 CM band by commercial users is a disservice to those of us who have labored all these years, with no remuneration.

I oppose the removal of all or part of the 70 CM spectrum from Amateur Radio use.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Jerome W. Silverstein, K3FKI
161 Glenhurst Drive
Verona, PA 15147

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From: "Parker, Richard D" <Richard.Parker@PSS.Boeing.com>
To: "fccinfo@fcc.gov" <fccinfo@fcc.gov>
Date: 6/1/98 2:47pm
Subject: RM9267 - LMCC Bandwith Opinion

Ref: RM-9267

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To: Office of the Secretary, Federal
Communications Commission, Room 222,
1919 M Street NW,
Washington, DC 20554.

I am writing to state my opinion in regards to the LMCC's petition of rulemaking, RM9267.

I am an amateur radio operator. I am very involved in community activities as are thousands of other hams across the country. We eagerly provide services to the community that are literally indispensable.

We have gone to Central Washington to provide communications for firefighters from all over Washington during the forest fires two years ago. No other communication system was available to coordinate fire fighting activities. Our community has a network in place to link up hospitals throughout the region in the event of earth quake or any other event that would cause normal modes of communications to become inoperative.

We support large scale events, like the American Veterans Wheel Chair Olympics and numerous smaller events throughout the state where large are communications are required. These are services that are simply not otherwise available. These services very often rely on the bandwidth in question.

Much of the equipment we use personally would become worthless the instant the bandwidth is reallocated. That represents millions of dollars across the country!

This bandwidth is used by amateurs as a link frequency for a large volume of voice, and digital data. There will be incredible crowding if this traffic was shifted to other frequencies.

If the LMCC petition is granted, there will be severe impact on many many people and communities across the country.

Please do not allow it to happen.

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From: Joseph W Murray <mcdes@des.co.mason.wa.us>
To: A4.A4 (SSEGAL)
Date: 6/1/98 1:38pm
Subject: Comments to the Chairman

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Joseph W Murray (mcdes@des.co.mason.wa.us) writes:

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222, 1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to express our concern and opposition to granting permission to Land Mobile Services the usage of frequencies within the 420 450 MHz. range presently assigned to Amateur Radio.

The Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC) proposal is inconsistant with continued Amateur Radio use of the band, and especially so with regard to the vital emergency communications mission of our ARES/RACES organizations.

The fundamental purpose of Amateur Radio has always been "Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications."

Many of these communications systems rely upon repeater and link frequencies in the 420 450 MHz. range. The loss of the ability to operate between in this range will deny jurisdictional Emergency Operations Centers (EOC's) the use of these paths.

We urge you not to grant the Land Mobile Service access to 420 450 MHz. and deny us the use of this important emergency management resource.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Murray, Director
Mason County Washington

Department of Emergency Services
410W Enterprise Rd.
Shelton, WA 98584

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From: Philip and Karen Hawkins <hawkins@oregontrail.net>
To: A7.A7 (HFURCHTG, MPOWELL, SNESS, WKENNARD), FCCMAIL.SMT...
Date: 6/1/98 11:19am
Subject: frequency useage

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Subject: RM-9267

Date: June 1, 1998

From: Karen Hawkins hawkins@oregontrail.net
P.O. Box 1788
Umatilla, OR 97882

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222, 1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Since my husband and I relocated to eastern Oregon last year we have found that emergency communications is quite different than in Western Washington where we came from. We were both involved in ARES/RACES in the Lewis County area and are now getting involved in the Umatilla/Morrow County ARES/RACES group. Communications in this area are different and one thing we have learned is that because of the layout of the area, every frequency is needed for amateur radio.

I urge you not to grant the Land Mobile Service access to 420-450 Mhz and deny us the use of the valuable resource.

Sincerely,

Karen F. Hawkins, KA7CVT

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From: "Richards" <richjb@cyberstation.net>
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)
Date: 5/31/98 10:41pm
Subject: RM-9267

In response to taking the band away from the Weather Watchers in this area is vital to us. We need them more than advertising from merchants or whoever. They're dependable, dedicated and concerned people who save countless lives, apparently more so than anyone in the FCC.

We need them and want you to leave the band for them.

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From: "Joseph "Magus-Ohki" Schmitz" <fantom01@sprynet.com>
To: A7.A7 (GTRISTAN, HFURCHTG, MPOWELL, SNESS, WKENNARD), FC..
Date: 5/31/98 8:02pm
Subject: RM 9267

To: The FCC.

I have been a Ham operator for five years and in that time I have listened in on a number of instances where operators aided in emergency operations thanks to the precious frequencies granted to them.

In Eastern Washington, we experienced major forest fires one year. In a moments notice Ham radio operators donated their frequencies, equipment, time, and talent to help in rescue operations because in certain areas, the necessary lines of communications for alerting people and communicating to rescue personnel were not available.

In another instance, in Western Washington we had major flooding in the winter months. Ham operators and repeater operators took it upon themselves to establish emergency communications networks. These networks aided in rescue operations greatly and saved many lives.

One time during a flood in the Skagit county area, a county sheriff found himself in an emergency situation with no communications to rescue personnel. A Ham operator with a mobile station in the area was able to call in for him. A rescue boat arrived just in the nick of time. Without the heroic efforts of this Ham operator, the story might have ended differently.

Many Ham operators take a lot of pride in maintaining stations which not only provide a good source of recreation, but also provides a service to the community that has proven to be valuable to people who dedicate themselves to the preservation of life.

How much would it cost the government to set up and maintain such a network 24 hours a day, 365 days a year? Thousands? Millions? Or even more then that?

The cost to ham operators and repeater operators to rework networks and equipment to accommodate RM9267's demands would shut down many stations, cutting off the precious lines of communications that have saved many lives.

In this letter, I have only mentioned a few of the many instances where Ham operators have done what the government could never do without major funding. RM9267 is not only a bad idea, but a dangerous one too; not only to Ham operators, but to rescue personnel and the general public as well.

Please, for the sake of countless lives, don*t pass RM9267.

A willing citizen and Ham operator,

Paul Schmitz

KC7GEA

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From: Bob Norton <n5epa@flash.net>
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)
Date: 5/30/98 5:30pm
Subject: RM-9267

As an active Amateur Radio operator, I am opposed to the Land Mobile Communications Council request to reallocate frequencies for their use in the 70cm band.

These frequencies are critical for emergency communications, public service and advancement of technology such as packet/voice linking.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert L. Norton
ARO: N5EPA
151 Highway 222
Edgewood, NM 87015

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From: Philip and Karen Hawkins <hawkins@oregontrail.net>
To: A7.A7 (GTRISTAN, HFURCHTG, MPOWELL, SNESS, WKENNARD)
Date: 5/30/98 10:17pm
Subject: RM-9267 comments

Subject: RM-9267

Date: 30 May, 1998

From: Phil Hawkins hawkins@oregontrail.net
P.O. BOX 1788
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To: wkennard@fcc.gov, sness@fcc.gov, mpowell@fcc.gov,
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I am expressing my opposition to granting the Land Mobile Services useage of frequencies within 420-450 Mhz. band.

Here in Eastern Oregon we have many Amateur Radio repeaters in operation in the 420-450 Mhz band. All of this equipment has been purchased and maintained at the expense of the Amateur Radio owners and made ready for emergency use in a moments notice. These systems are used for emergency training, emergency traffic, tactical traffic for local officials and are a priceless asset to the local communities if there is a loss of commercial communication.

We live between two potentially hazardous facilities and constantly work with those officials; training in providing communications in the event of an actual event. These two facilities are the Hanford Nuclear Plant and the Umatilla Army Weapons Depot. Communications is a very important factor in the evaction and location of persons in the event of an emergency. We need the use of these frequencies to successfully help our communities in need.

I have served as a District Emergency Coordinator in SW Washington for many years and have many many times used these frequencies in events involving the community and communicating to local officials. The loss of 420-450 Mhz would cripple our ability to respond to the needs of the community.

I urge you not to grant the Land Mobile Service access to 420-450 Mhz. and deny us the use of this valuable resource.

Sincerely,

Philip B. Hawkins Jr, KC7KI

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From: <Benextra@aol.com>
To: A7.A7 (GTRISTAN, HFURCHTG, MPOWELL, SNESS, WKENNARD), FC...
Date: 5/30/98 10:50pm
Subject: RM9267, COMMENTS CONCERNING

Gentlemen:

I am very concerned about the information concerning the possible loss of our 70cm amateur radio band. As I am sure you must be aware that the amateur community over the years has performed many valueable services in times of emergency, during times of war and at times of natural disasters. To allow this valuable technical and service capability that exists with no cost to the government to be lost to the nation is inconceivable.

Please consider the potential of the amateur community and its national and world wide coverage. There are no amount of dollars that could possibly compensate for this tremendous service and technical capability always on call..

Respectfully,
Ben Rasnick, K6VBC

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From: Robert Crouch <recrouch@worldnet.att.net>
To: A7.A7 (WKENNARD, SNESS, MPOWELL, HFURCHTG, GTRISTAN), FC...
Date: 5/30/98 4:02pm
Subject: RM-9267

I want to protest the protest the proposed LMCC 70CM ham Band for commercial use. As a supporter of these bands for emergency communication for a number of years at a considerable investment in equipment to be prepared to help my country in need as all HAMS are I feel that the Amateur Radio Operators should be the prime user of these frequencies not a secondary status. Emergency communication frequencies should be protected to the maximum as it seems that the world we live in is very unstable with natural disasters and nuclear proliferation, and the near future may require the support of the amateur operators. Thank you Robert E Crouch 9920 Oak Lane SW, Lakewood, Wa 98499 (KG7SM)

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