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From: "aceoconnell" <aceoconnell@marshill.com>
To: A7.A7 (WKENNARD)
Date: 5/26/98 7:46pm
Subject: plasma

Dear Mr. Kennard,
I write this letter in regard to MM Docket #98-35. Multiple ownership rules have devastated my career. Today I sold my plasma for \$15.00 Tomorrow I will report to a "Day-Labor" camp to apply my body to menial tasks in which to support my family. This is getting to me. Not that I'm suicidal or anything, but two corporetations have taken over this small market, and now I must either move (to continue my career), or get out of my career. You and the rules are destroying all of us lifers in the radio business by allowing multiple ownership. My feelings on this are clear. Repeal these laws, and bring radio back to the people, and those that made it great. You have the power to influence, I don't...yet, I , and others like me made radio what it is today.

Radio is at a perilious stage...if multiple ownership rules continue, the corporations will turn it into a "talking billboard"...Help us. Please. Understand our plight. We are sorry to bother you, but you and others on the FCC board are the only ones (along with the congressmen) that we know where to turn to. Repeal these multiple ownership laws, and return us our beloved medium the way it was meant to be...creative and unique, without corporate ownership in every market. These laws belittle us, radio, and you yourself. Radio works only because human beings make it work...leave it in the hands of a CEO and it dies. Maybe not tomorrow, or next year, but it will "never be the same". We need to change the rules, or at least repeal these current rules regarding multiple ownership.

Sincerely,
Ace O'Connell

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From: "Ernest Jackson" <joker@nortel.ca>
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)
Date: 5/27/98 11:31am
Subject: LMCC Petition

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Federal Communications Commission;

I have just read the LMCC petition to reallocate 420-430MHz and 440-450MHz to the Private Mobile Radio Service (PMRS). I believe this is an UNSOUND proposal and provides undue burdon on the Amateur Radio Service. The Amateur service was primary on this band until the 1950s when patriotic amateurs agreed to accept secondary status due to pressing national security needs of the U.S. Military. The LMCC would like to displace the amateur community with a "for profit" service at the expense of the public service, emergency and severe weather services provided "free of charge" to the public by generous radio amateurs. If the Military no longer needs these important bands then the Amateur Radio Service should be returned to a primary allocation. Acceptance of the LMCC petition will have the following negative consequences:

1. RACES and ARES groups will not be able to support municipal fire and police agencies during communication emergencies in urban areas adequately without the 70cm band.
2. SkyWarn groups will lose over half of their available frequencies and many valuable repeaters thus depriving the National Weather Service of key "on the ground" assets provided "Free of Charge" to the public by the Amateur Radio Service.
3. Over half of the popular UHF frequencies will be lost reducing the practice and experimentation which has made the Amateur Radio Service one of the premier backup radio services. No other civilian service can boast the readiness and ability to operate under extreme adverse conditions provided by Amateur Radio.
4. Amateurs routinely utilize the 70cm band under controlled net conditions. Net operation is an skill which is only developed and maintained by practice. PMRS users do not practice under net conditions and would not be equiped to support disaster and relief efforts. PMRS users typically do not provide for "off grid operation" which is required during emergencies while Amateurs routinely have this capability. Allocating these frequencies to PMRS will, in essence, deprive the public of the benefit of controlled net operations.
5. Millions of dollars of amateur repeater and radio equipment will be rendered useless imposing a severe financial burden upon people who cheerfully volunteer this same equipment for use to support many public service and health & welfare events.
6. Mobile amateurs routinely use 70cm frequencies to save lives and property as they go about their daily business. Loss of these frequencies will severely limit this ability in urban areas.

Please reject this proposal.

Thank you,
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