

Federal Communications Commission
Secretary, Room 222
1919 M. Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: RM-9267

May 27, 1998

Dear FCC;

I hold a FCC license (W7ZG) in the Amateur Radio Service as well as a General Radiotelephone Operators License (with Ship Radar endorsement) and would like to register a strong opposition to the petition RM-9267.

Along with many other licensed amateur radio operators here in the Southern California area I use the 420-450 MHz. band for a large percentage of my activity. I know that it is a fact that the band is extensively used in most areas of our country, especially in the larger population centers. The frequencies between 440 MHz and 450MHz are usually used for voice and data repeaters. In the Southern California every channel is occupied by such systems. In most cases there are more than one group of users sharing each frequency. The 420MHz to 430MHz portion of the band is also heavily utilized for linking, control, data relay, and experimental uses. All these systems are available for and frequently used in emergency situations, such as earthquakes, brush and forest fires, floods, and other catastrophes. Training for such disasters is conducted on a regular basis by many Amateur Radio clubs and organizations. Even though Amateur Radio is a secondary user to the primary user, the U. S. Government, there has been no interference problems of any consequence. If commercial users are granted access to these band segments I believe that an intolerable situation will result. I have experience with the industrial radio services that proposes to share these frequencies and know that most commercial users have not shown the degree of cooperativeness necessary to successfully share a resource like this.

Please consider what damage the approval of this petition would cause to the country and its citizens. Recent natural disasters in many parts of the USA have proven once again that Amateur Radio is a valuable resource that needs to be allowed to continue. Please don't tie our hands and severely limit our ability to serve.

Sincerely,

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