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Sirs:

It has come to my attention that one of the commercial organizations (LMCC) is again asking you to take away part of the amateur radio spectrum in the 420-430 MHZ and 440-450 MHZ bands (70 cm). These bands are used by me daily on at least 7 frequencies. We have a 70 cm voice repeater using 2 frequencies (tx and rx), a 2 meter voice repeater using 2 different 70 cm frequencies for a link to other 2 meter repeaters, a 70 cm frequency for voice direct communications, a 70 cm frequency to run packet direct, and a 70 cm frequency to run a packet bbs backbone.

So as you can see, I myself use at least 7 frequencies on a regular basis. If you multiply that by the number of actual ham radio operators you can easily understand how many people will be losing out if you let LMCC have the frequency spectrum they are requesting for their additional financial interests.

I do realize the spectrum is limited. I also recognize the importance of commercial communications. I realize how crowded things are getting. I also notice that in my county alone commercial interests have been putting up cellular towers in pairs. Neither company will share with the other. They both have their own towers, and their own separate frequencies. As an amateur radio operator I have been sharing frequencies with others since I first got my license (WN6KQM) in 1971, when these frequencies were not wanted by the big money guys. Now they fight each other tooth and nail for as much as they can buy with no regard for others, for the proliferation of unsightly towers, or for the limited number of frequencies available. Is this the way the FCC is going to allow commercial interests to continue to take over?

We use our frequencies. Daily. We provide services for free which they to charge for. We help communities during times of crisis and emergency while they just want to charge by the minute of airtime to make money off the airwaves. We cooperate with each other, they don't. I hope you won't take our frequencies away just to give them these frequencies to abuse, because history proves they will at our expense and yours.

Sincerely,



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