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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Sir;

Regarding RM-9267, I am extremely disappointed that the FCC is considering the sale of 2/3 of an important amateur frequency band to commercial interests. If this potential disaster is allowed to progress any further it will set the worst possible precedent for sacrificing our frequency bands in future auctions.

As you know, Amateur Radio operators, local clubs, and worldwide organizations such as AMSAT, AMRAD, Skywarn, and many other amateur radio public service and emergency organizations have benefited most of us many times and in many ways. I'm sure you are also aware of the countless emergency and disaster communications provided in nearly every country in the world by radio amateurs.

In addition, a tremendous volume of applied research efforts have become commercially useful to millions. Much of this R & D has been in the VHF and UHF bands where new technologies are constantly being developed and perfected by radio amateurs.

Please kill this RM-9267 as soon as possible.

Most sincerely

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Subject: LMCC Petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267)

Dear FCC,

We at Utah Communications, Inc. are in support of the Petition for Rule Making filed by the LMCC seeking new spectrum allocations for private wireless users. We appreciate the fact that the FCC moved quickly to place this petition on public notice. We are grateful we have the opportunity to comment and show our support.

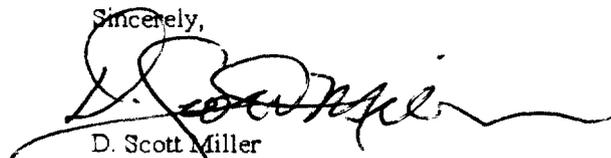
We are interested in this petition as it is the very basis of our company. Utah Communications, Inc. is a 50 year old business that has supported the communications needs of the state of Utah and many communities in surrounding states. Located in the heart of Salt Lake City, we are centrally located in order that we may better serve our customers. We not only use wireless communications among our 30 employees, but we sell and service wireless and two-way communication systems.

We are desperately in need of new spectrum for our radio systems. One system we have is full. Our customers cannot expand, because of the lack of frequencies. When it comes to on site applications it makes matters worse because these customers need immediate access and response both because of business needs, but mainly in emergency situations. In fact just this week we had an issue with a crane operator in an emergency situation that could not get on the air that almost cost a life. On site systems provide quick response that increases productivity and safety. Without frequencies all the state of the art equipment in the world won't meet these customers needs.

The benefit of new spectrum would be immeasurable in terms of our business. We could better serve the needs of our customers. Not to mention the fact that our sales people would have something to sale and our service people something to fix. Which as you now is necessary if they plan on staying employed. We urge you to act on this issue as soon as possible, because the problems associated with the lack of spectrum are growing fast.

We again want to tell you of our absolute support for LMCC Petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267) and to thank you for listening to public comment.

Sincerely,


D. Scott Miller
President

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Subject: RM 9267

I protest RM 9267 to reallocate the frequencies that we use in storm spotting for the National Weather Service here in Oklahoma. This would mean that direct link for Storm Spotting would be lost between our Spotters and the National Weather Service. This would effect the early warning abilities for Tornados and Severe Weather as it moves through our communities and Towns.

Comments:

Here in the State of Oklahoma we use many repeaters linked from the 2 Meters to 440 MHZ to help with storm spotting. This would be impossible, to hold this link system without the ability to work the two bands together. The National Weather Service in Norman Oklahoma, some 160 miles from us, is the warning system for Severe Weather which comes through so often here in the State of Oklahoma. Here in Northwest Oklahoma is only one of the several links that is linked to Norman in the State to watch Severe Weather.

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Federal Communications Commission
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Ref: RM-9267

Gentlemen;

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,

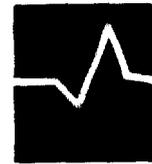

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Re: LMCC Petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267)

We are responding in support of the Petition for Rulemaking as filed by the LMCC seeking new spectrum allocations for private wireless users.

Our company is a small, locally owned business, supplying land mobile communications equipment and maintenance to other business radio users, schools, and particularly, the taxicab industry. We presently employ only four people, having downsized from eight, primarily due to changes in spectrum allocation and monopolization by big business. We have been in business for 23 years, while the writer has 37 years of experience in the field and has been an FCC licensed technician for that length of time.

There is a major shortage of spectrum for business users, and suppliers such as ourselves. The 150 mhz band has become so congested as to be practically unusable. The 450 mhz band is nearing the same conditions. The 800 mhz band is the worst. A major corporation (Nextel) was allowed to purchase all of the 800 mhz SMR systems in the Baltimore metropolitan area. Then, under the guise of technology advances, they turned off all of the systems.

This forced thousands of business users to either give up their radio communications systems entirely, or replace perfectly serviceable systems with the newer "digital" equipment at considerably more expense. Their is no competition in the local area due to the shortage of spectrum so Nextel was able to form this monopoly on the backs of the business community.

This caused many complaints to the FCC which are well documented. It caused much anguish and added expense for the business and educational community. It impacted our business by nearly 25%. Had additional 800 mhz spectrum been available, at costs attainable by small business, we may have been able to construct an SMR system that would have allowed many users to avoid unnecessary costs.

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Cellular, PCS, and the "digital" systems are not the answer to our business radio needs. While covering wider areas than the average business user will ever need, the costs are nearly three times what should be expected. Competition, in the form of more spectrum, is bringing these costs to a more reasonable level.

Thank you very much for allowing us to comment on this proposal, and for your quick response in addressing these issues.

Respectfully,
Horizon Electronics, Inc.



Robert C. Moyers
Vice President