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In the matter of 1998 biennial regulatory review--Amendment of Part 97 of the commissioner's Amateur service rules, FCC
WT Docket 98-143

Sept. 10 1998
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Thank you for allowing me to comment on 98-143.

License class reduction:

In the matter of reducing the quantity of license classes to four, I find this is the correct way to reduce redundancy and re-work as there is too much overlap in the six current classes. Elimination of the Novice class is also correct to do considering it's limited benefits.

Technician class comments:

I agree the Technician class should be left as is with NO morse code required but should have limited HF privileges in the 10 meter band. I realize this cannot be addressed at this time, awaiting WRC 2001, but my comment should be noted. Allowing limited HF phone privileges in the 10 meter band would expose the Technician to the world of HF and if he so desires, can learn the morse code to further expand his privileges.

Written exam comments:

The written portions of the Amateur exams needs to include " Good Amateur Operating Procedures" on a deeper scale to re-inforce the need for better human to human relations on the bands. The exams also need to be updated to reflect todays technology such as high speed digital and satellite usage.

Morse code comments:

I reluctantly suggest to retain morse code requirements at only 5 (five) wpm for the 3 higher license classes only, if retained at all. Morse code is scarcely used by commercial operations but is only kept alive today by the amateur radio community. The use of the code by amateurs is fine for those operators willing to use it but should not be a burden to those who choose not to use it regularly. Even the 5 wpm code requirement has proved to keep talented people restricted to "line of sight" vhf and higher band communications. Higher speed code testing (above 5 wpm) serves nothing to produce a better amateur radio operator. Additional radio theory and human relations included in the written exams WILL serve to produce a better amateur radio operator. The morse code testing requirement of "filling in the blanks" is sufficient testing and "perfect copy" of any time period is not required.

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General class license comments:

Reduce morse code requirements to 5 (five) wpm only. Add additional structure to the written exam to include "good operating procedures" and theory for todays communications needs.

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Re: FCC WT Docket 98-143

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Dear Secretary:

I am a licensed Technician-Plus amateur radio operator first licensed as a Technician Class in 1956.

I wish to advise you that I am in full support of the American Radio Relay League proposal in the matter of revising the U.S amateur radio licensing structure.

Thanking you, I am pleased to remain,

Sincerely yours,

Raymond T. Tuero
Raymond T. Tuero, K2QPS

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"IN THE MATTER OF 1998 BIENNIAL REGULATORY REVIEW--
AMENDMENT OF PART 97 OF THE COMMISSION'S AMATEUR SERVICE
RULES, FCC WT DOCKET 98-143."

DEAR GENTLEMEN:

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS A FEW COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED
CHANGES TO OUR RADIO REGULATIONS. THE FOLLOWING IS ABOUT
THE PROPOSED CW SPEEDS FOR THE GENERAL CLASS LICENSE. I
UNDERSTAND THAT THE NOVICE AND TECH-PLUS LICENSES ARE GOING
TO BE PHASED OUT.

IN THIS CASE , I THINK THAT THE CW SPEED FOR THE GENERAL
CLASS LICENSE SHOULD BE DROPPED FROM 13 WPM TO 5 WPM, TO
GIVE BEGGINERS A CHANCE TO LEARN THE MORSE CODE AT THAT
LEVEL. KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS WILL ENABLE THE BEGGINER TO
UPGRADE HIS LICENSE TO EXTRA OR ADVANCE, ONCE HE LEARNS
MORE OF THE MORSE CODE.

ALSO, ONE FINAL COMMENT. THE SPEEDS FOR THE EXTRA CLASS
SHOULD THEN BE DROPPED TO 13 WPM AND JUST KEEPING THE
ADVANCED AT 20 WPM. THESE ARE MY COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED
CW SPEED CHANGES. THANK YOU.

SINCERELY



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