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In the matter of 1998 biennial Regulatory Review--Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Amateur Radio Service Rules, FCC Docket 98-143.

Dear Commissioners:

My comments are concerning the Morse code requirement. I favor lowering the requirement to 5 words per minute for the General Class, 10-wpm for the Advanced and 15-wpm for the Extra Class. I am a Technician Class and would favor a more difficult written exam for these classes as a trade-off.

I also favor the elimination of the novice and technician plus classes.

Respectfully yours,

**Randall Adams
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I have my Technician Plus license, and while taking the C.W. part of the test, met a man who had tried to upgrade his license for three years but was unable to master the required C.W. speed. The disappointment that shown on his face I shall never forget. I also had a difficult time in just passing the 5 wpm. for my license. I am of the firm oppinion that the written questions on day-to-day ham radio operating are far more important than code speed. I believe it is time to lower the General class code speed from 13 to 5 wpm.

With the latest in technology and computers available today, I believe that C.W. will no longer be as restrictive, to just a select few. For with the right equipment even a person who knows no C.W. at all, can communicate, with C.W.

Thank your for your time



Sincerely George Rausch (KC7WFW)

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FCC Secretary
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Dear Ms Salas:

RE: 1998 biennial Regulatory Review--Amendment of Part 97 Amateur Service Rules FCC
Docket 98-143.

I am in favor of reducing the code speed required for the General Class licenses to 5 wpm.

I have held a Technician License since 1978 and have had problems in getting me code speed up to the presently required speed of 13 wpm. I have worked on it many times and I just can't seem to get me speed up enough to pass the code test. I feel that the importance of knowing Morse code is not as important as it originally was years ago.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I apologize for not being able to submit this letter on a disk.

Sincerely,

Ross C. Goodall

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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."

All of us in the amateur radio service community realize the positive impact that our great hobby has on the nation. It is precisely in light of this fact that we must come to terms with the realization that the number of amateur radio operators is constantly deminishing. It is the obligation of every amateur radio operator to try and bring new people into our hobby—especially young people who will form the nucleus of the next generation of ham operators. I therefore STRONGLY urge the FCC to adopt the ARRL proposal in it's entirety. As evidenced by several of the most recent weather related disasters, amateur radio operators once again provided the vital link in maintaining life sustaining communications during those crucial times. Although I had to pass the 13 WPM code exam in order to upgrade to General class, I would gladly agree to lessen these requirements in the hope of attracting new people to amateur radio. Likewise those of us like myself who are Advanced class, should also have the opportunity to upgrade to Extra class with a more challenging written exam, instead of the current 20 wpm code test. In each instance I feel the benefits will greatly enhance the amateur radio service. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my views.

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