

Comments filed regarding RM-11759 filed on 01/08/2016 by the ARRL

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To whom it may Concern,

I am adamantly OPPOSED to the ARRL Petition RM-11759 filing of Jan 08, 2016 in it's entirety. The ARRL does not represent the interests of this amateur radio operator on any of the stated issues. I feel that RM-11759 needs to be completely denied.

Ever since the FCC wisely decided to re-allocate the 80m frequency band for Extra class phone and image operators in 2006, the overcrowding of the General portion of the band has diminished significantly. This decision has also given rise to the amount of amateur radio operators that have upgraded to Extra Class to escape this overcrowding.

You seldom hear any fighting, conflicts, or ill-mannered behavior in this frequency allocation as compared to the General Portion and I attribute this not only to the caliber of operators but to the amount of spectrum available.

I have extensively monitored the CW, RTTY, & Data frequency allocation on 75m and in my geographical location, have heard very minimal operation unless there was a contest going on at the time. In contrast, the Extra Phone portion from 3600 to 3700 is always bustling with activity.

The ARRL has already contested the original FCC ruling of the Report & Order Docket 04-140 with the Report & Order and Order on Reconsideration, FCC 06-178. The FCC wisely held to their original decision to retain the 75m Band expansion due to the need for more spectrum for voice communications. I urge the FCC to again hold to their original decision.

Again, I am adamantly OPPOSED to the ARRL Petition RM-11759 filing of Jan 08, 2016 in it's entirety.

Thank You,
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