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Subject: Petition for proposed changes in 47 CFR Part §97.205 in regards to Repeater Stations

Commissioners:

As you all well know, DMR and Mototrbo, both digital repeater systems, are quite common now in Amateur Radio. However, these systems need to be regulated a bit more.

Proposal:

1. No digital repeater be coordinated within 250 car miles of an existing analog repeater system.

2. All digital repeaters **MUST BE** coordinated with the respective state repeater coordination bodies, **BEFORE** they are put on the air.
3. **ALL DMR** repeaters be **REQUIRED** by FCC rules to ID in **analog CW AND VOICE**, and **CLEARLY STATE** in voice that it is a digital repeater.

Alternative Proposal:

- That all digital repeaters be given their own segments within the said VHF/UHF bands and their power restricted to 10 watts E.R.P.

Gentlemen, allow me to be blunt: DMR repeaters are a major annoyance to those of us, who do not use them and have no desire whatsoever in using them. There is nothing more annoying than to have my tri-band handheld scanner, come across one of these noisy things, and have to block it in my memory.

Furthermore, I have documented cases where there are several of these repeaters in this area, which are causing interferences to other analog repeaters in this area. The attitude of the digital repeater owners is, “who cares? Get a digital radio.” This is not an attitude that should be displayed by Amateur Radio Operators at all. These cases will be provided to FCC officials at their request.

Respectively submitted:

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