

IN THE MATTER OF RM-11767

Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's Rules to Amend Section 97.317 by Removing Reference to the 15 dB Gain Limitation

As a long-time member of the Amateur Radio Service (42+ YEARS, Amateur call K4YZ), I wholeheartedly DISAPPROVE of this request, and hope the Commission will deny the request.

The Amateur Radio service proved decades ago that, for the purposes of the Amateur Service, the present limit of 1.5 kilowatts of power is more than enough to sustain communications over long distances and in a multitude of modes.

Indeed, current technologies, specifically those of PSK31, JT-9, JT-65, and others, have proven that Amateurs are able to support communications at both the intercontinental and intracontinental levels with fractions of the powers being sought.

If one takes the time to read comments within such Amateur-related forums such as those at "www.qrz.com", you soon appreciate that the desire for greater power levels has nothing to do with sustaining long distance communications, but rather is just a matter of convenience and ego.

This correspondent would support a LOWERING of the current power limits, with some exceptions, to no more than 500 watts, for all classes of licensees and for most modes. For those experimental modes or modes where power is absolutely mandatory (ie: MOONBOUNCE), then a variation to one's license could be applied for for that specific purpose.

I beg the Commission not repeat the failures of the 11 meter decision of the 1950's, and this time choose to do the right thing over the easy.

I REMAIN,

Respectfully yours in service to the Nation..

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