

Re The matter of Whedbee's Petition RM-11769

My comments and objections to Mr. Whedbee's petition are as follows:

I'm convinced that the regulations as they presently exist are working fine, and especially with respect to exclusive portions dedicated to amateur radiotelegraphy. My reasons are as follows:

? Exclusive allocations encourage and enable the use of very low power and homemade equipment.

? Low power, battery-operated amateur radiotelegraphy can provide civil emergency wireless communications during times of extreme disruptions of the electrical grid, cellular telephone systems, and the Internet.

? The overriding merit of low power amateur radiotelegraphy is simplicity; it is a splendid example of man-machine interface wherein the complexity is neurological not technological.

? Morse Code is a language ? an international language ? and it is an acquired skill: it takes dedication, practice and patience to achieve functional proficiency. The exclusive allocations for amateur radiotelegraphy that presently exist directly supports this learning process ? it is in essence a Spectral Morse Learning Laboratory.

Respectfully submitted

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