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Dear Commissioners,

I hold a General Class Lic. and have been an Amateur radio OP. since 1955

Here is my comments on Lic. re-structuring. Have three classes of licensing (which is the goal of the FCC) and they are.

- A- Extra @ 20 wpm code proficiency, @ one minute solid copy.
- B- General @ 13 wpm code proficiency, @ one minute solid copy.
- C- Technician @ 5 wpm code proficiency, @ one minute solid copy.

We don't nee the Novice, Tech plus, or the advanced classes. Either meld the Advanced with the Extras, or the General in with Advanced. In the 60,s the Extra and Advanced where Incentive classes. I see the Advanced class as a overlap of the general class, and as a unnecessary class license. I also agree that the Tech and Novice classes overlap each other.

So to reach a 3 tier class system, I recommend the above suggestion.

On the Morse code! Its a form of discipline, which is needed within the Amateur community. And as far as the written requirements, I believe in what the FCC sets as the standard of electronic knowledge needed.

As for "Power" restrictions, with the advent of Lic. restructuring, the Tech class, if they get HF Privileges, should be limited to 100 watts only, and in the same operating frequencies as the novices now have. And with the Generals and higher, the standard 1500 watts output.

As for disability waivers! Definitely needs some improvement. There has to be two Doctor certificates to indicate the candidate for a Lic. waiver. And I recommend each state have a five member panel to do the testing. The five member panel is unknown to the Lic. candidate, with maybe two alternates. A minimum of three test panel members is needed to pass the test and wave the exemption.

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