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RE: 1998 BIENNIAL REGULATORY
REVIEW ADMT., PART 97 OF THE
COMMISSION'S AMATEUR SERVICE
RULES FCC WT DOCKET 98-143

DEAR COMMISSIONERS;

HERE ARE MY COMMENTS ON LICENSE RE-STRUCTURING. I HAVE BEEN AN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR SINCE 1959. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FCC PROPOSED 3 LICENSE CLASSES AS FOLLOWS:

- A- EXTRA CLASS @20 WPM CODE PROFICIENCY @ 1 MINUTE SOLID COPY
- B- GENERAL CLASS @13 WPM CODE PROFICIENCY @ 1 MINUTE SOLID COPY
- C- TECHNICIAN CLASS @5WPM CODE PROFICIENCY @ 1 MINUTE SOLID COPY

I DON'T SEE A NEED FOR THE NOVICE, TECH PLUS, OR ADVANCED CLASSES. CONSIDER COMBINING THE ADVANCED AND EXTRA CLASSES OR THE GENERALS WITH WITH THE ADVANCED CLASS.

AT THIS POINT THE NOVICE AND TECHNICIAN CLASSES APPEAR TO OVER-LAP EACH OTHER.

AS TO KNOWING THE MORSE CODE, THIS IS A FORM OF DISCIPLINE AND IN MY OPINION IS WHAT SEPARATES THE AMATEUR OPERATOR FROM THE UN-DISCIPLINED AND UN-CONTROLLABLE CITIZEN BAND GROUP.

AS TO POWER LIMITS THE PAST POWER LEVELS SHOULD BE LEFT AS THEY ARE. POWER MEASUREMENT SHOULD REMAIN WITH THE VOLTS TIMES AMPS METHOD AS MEASURED AT THE FINAL AMPLIFIER.

AS FOR THE DISABILITY WAIVERS, THIS AREA NEEDS IMPROVEMENTS. THERE SHOULD BE TWO DOCTOR'S CERTIFICATES FOR A CANDIDATE TO QUALIFY FOR FOR A LICENSE WAIVER. EACH STATE SHOULD HAVE A 5 MEMBER PANEL TO PERFORM TESTING. THE PANEL MEMBERS SHOULD BE UNKNOWN TO THE APPLICANT AND SHOULD HAVE TWO ALTERNATES. A MINIMUM OF THREE PANEL MEMBERS WOULD BE NEEDED TO GRADE AND WAIVE THE APPLICANT.

I AM OPPOSED TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE RACES LICENSE, AND AS TO THE MATTER OF RECIPROCAL PERMITS I AM OPPOSED TO THE PRACTICE.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FCC NOT BOW DOWN TO THE ARRL AND IT'S EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER'S BED PARTNERS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE FCC CONTINUE TO DEVELOPE AMATEUR RADIO AS A QUALITY SERVICE WITH HIGH STANDARDS AND NEVER LET IT FALL INTO DEGRADATION AS IS THE CHILDREN'S BAND (SORRY !), CITIZENS BAND.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY OPINION AND I AM EXPECTING GREAT THINGS FROM THE COMMISSION. I REMAIN.....

SINCERELY,



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