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29 NOVEMBER 1998

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)	
)	WT Docket 98-143
1998 Biennial Review)	RM-9148
-Amendment of Part 97)	RM-9150
of the Commission's)	RM-9196
Amateur Service rules)	

To: Federal Communications Commission

Comments of:

I. INTRODUCTION:

I, Lee Roger Wical, 45-601 Luluku Road; Kane'Ohe, HI 96744-1854-25, a Licensed Amateur file these comments on 29 November 1998 in the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WT Docket No. 98-143.

I am an Amateur Extra Class licensee and Volunteer Examiner and have been an Amateur since 1955. I also have my FCC Commercial Radiotelephone (1st) General license with a Radar endorsement. I have my 3rd Class Radiotelegraphy Commercial license and presently working toward my Second Class Radiotelegraph license.

The American Radio Relay League only represents less than 20% of the Amateurs in the United States. So, this is just an input from one member of the other 80%!

I have been in Radio Engineering, professionally, since 1956 with General Electric, Hawaiian Telephone Company, USAF Engineering, US Army STRATCOM-Pacific, Defense Communications Agency-Pacific Area (now D.I.S.A.-Pacific) Then AT&T picked me up 29-days after Federal Service retirement as a Senior Telecommunications Engineer. In September 1996, our division was transferred to LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES in September 1996. I am not only a Volunteer Examiner (VE) but a Commercial Examiner (CE) as well.

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II. Number of Amateur Service License Classes:

That the Number of Amateur Service license Classes should be reduced to only four (4) classes of licenses i.e. EXTRA, ADVANCE, GENERAL and TECHNICIAN Classes.

III. Importance and Disposition of the Novice Class:

That the importance and disposition of the Novice Class be dropped due to the decline in the number of applicants. Those applicants are now opting for the Technician License as statistics show.

(a) That disposition of the Novice Class frequencies be allotted to other Amateur License Classes. That the 40 meter Novice Band segments be re-allocated to the Insular Island areas to supply additional bandwidth to avoid encroachment of commercial shortwave stations, digital interference and commercial interference in Region II. That our sub-band needs expansion to handle emergencies, i.e. Hurricanes in the Pacific for example. That the expansion of the Insular Areas frequencies be from 7100 kHz to 7040 kHz.

IV. Advance Class VEs for General Class examinations:

That Advance Class VEs for conducting General Class licenses, or Technician Class licenses is a step in the proper direction and makes common sense.

V. Phasing out RACES Station Call signs:

That RACES Station licenses be phased out. This is the proper direction to go. RACES station licenses have dropped in the past years and are labor intensive for the FCC licensing Bureau at Gettysburg, PA.

CD/FEMA Stations can work within established Amateur frequencies with coordination with non-RACES stations to assist in all emergencies.

I am already registered with State of Hawaii Civil Defense Agency as a Telecommunicator.

VI. Enforcement in the Amateur Radio Service:

That a cadre of trained persons to bring complaints of interference to the Commission. That to include a draft order to show cause to initiate a revocation of license or cease and desist hearing order. Perhaps this cadre of Amateur Auxiliary be lawyers who are also licensed Amateurs. This does have merit.

VII. Telegraphy Examination Requirements:

That of telegraph examinations consist of three (3) levels be kept in place. Keep the entry level of 5-wpm with 13-wpm as intermediate level and 20-wpm remaining for the top EXTRA Class license.

VIII. Written Examination Requirements:

That five (5) written examinations continue to be required. As a VE, I find that this is not a problem to an volunteer examiner.

IX. CONCLUSIONS:

(a) Keep the five different written examinations.

(b) Keep three code speeds of 5, 13 and 20-wpm.

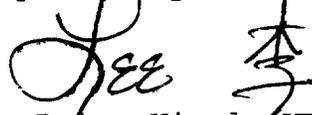
(c) Change to four (4) classes of Amateur Radio Licenses to an entry level, i.e. Technician, General, Advance and Extra classes.

(d) Re-allocate the Novice Class frequencies to other class licenses.

As a VE and CE the "target level" should remain elevated in order to maintain a competent level of technology competence and a reserve pool of trained technical personnel, should, God forbid, a natural disaster or world conflict take place.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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Re: Proposal to restructure Amateur Radio

I must respectfully disagree with the proposal to restructure the current licensing classes as proposed by the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) Although I am a member, I disagree with their proposal.

I am opposed to any proposal that does not have a five (5) word per minute code examination for entry level class of licensing. I am also opposed to any proposal that would not retain the twenty (20) word per minute code examination for the Highest class of licensing.

I can understand you wanting to do away with the Novice class, and I would have no problem with that.

Thank you interest

Sincerely,



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CHANGES TO AMATEUR LICENSES

- 1 ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 67 YEARS OLD (^{FREE} NO FEES)
- 2 ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 67 YEARS OLD WITH
A TECH PLUS LICENSE WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY
UPGRADED TO GENERAL CLASS WITHOUT ANY
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RE: 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review, Part 97
FCC WT Docket 98-143

Dear Commissioners:

I am a General Class Licensee, W8SJQ, and I obtained my license in 1955. I support the FCC goal for a 3 class system.

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Extra Class | 20 WPM Code |
| 2. General Class | 13 WPM Code |
| 3. Technician/Novis (Combined) | 5WPM Code |

I object to the ARPL proposals which I feel would downgrade the general class license.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Sincerely,



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September 25, 1998
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RE: RM - 9196
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Dear Secretary,

As a Learning Disabled person I am in complete favor of dropping the CW requirement for General, Advanced, and Extra Classes to 10WPM. This makes moot the APRL's RM-9196 which would cause substantial problems in regards to the Rights of Privacy and the Americans with Disabilities.

I think that you should merge the Advanced and Extra Classes as well as closing the Morse class license.

Thank you for your work on this matter so important to many of us who are audibly handicapped. - Very truly yours

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