

BEFORE THE
Federal Communications Commission,
Washington D.C.

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In the matter of: RM-9404

Request to amend Commission's rules
to add a Low Frequency Allocation for
the Amateur Radio Service.

COMMENTS

1. As a licensed radio amateur (KJ7MU), I am requesting that the Commission support RM-9404.
2. RM-9404 will add two different low frequency (LF) secondary allotments to the Amateur Radio Service. The Amateur Service currently has allotments in other portions of the electromagnetic spectrum except for the LF portion.
3. Part 15 of the Commission's rules permit non-licensed lower power operations in the 160-190kHz band for hobby purposes. This band is also called the 1750-meter band. The Commission needs to determine the legality of stations in the Amateur Radio Service communicating with these non-licensed hobby stations operating under Part 15.
4. Opening up these LF bands for amateur use would allow for existing 1750m operators who are also licensed amateurs to be able to expand their stations and may possibly attract other persons who are Part 15 1750m operators into the Amateur Radio Service.
5. Even though CW would be the primary mode of operation in this band, phone operations utilizing J3E and A3E emissions as well as data emissions should also be encouraged in this band.
6. Because of the low power on these frequencies and in an effort to attract users to this band, I feel that a minimum of a Technician class license would be required for operation in these bands. If international Radio Regulations requiring knowledge of morse code is required, then Technician-Plus would be the minimum license required.
7. Beacon operations should be allowed in both subbands.
8. In conclusion, I support the Petitioner's request for these bands with the modifications shown above.

Respectfully Submitted

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