

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
) Wt Docket 98-20
Biennial Regulatory Review - Amendment)
O Parts 0, 1, 13, 22, 24, 26, 27, 80, 87, 90,)
95, 97, and 101 of the Commission's Rules)
to Facilitate the Development and Use of)
the Universal Licensing System in the)
Wireless Telecommunications Services)

COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

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I am filing these comments to show our support for the Petition for Reconsideration filed by The Personal Radio Steering Group, Inc., P.O. Box 2851, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48106 dated January 13, 1999

The PECC dba PCRT works with the nineteen REACT Teams in Penna. This REACT Council serves as an umbrella to assist these teams with leadership training, member guidelines, assisting with equipment and licensing problems and sharing success stories to enhance growth and positive solutions for all kinds of problems.
Our REACT Council agrees with the points listed in their petition for reconsideration.

One of our major concerns as GMRS users is that the changes allow all GMRS users to transmit through any repeater they desire without the authorization of that repeater's owner and yet is required, by law, to police the transmissions through his / her repeater. This will hurt us, since most of the REACT Teams utilize their GMRS Systems for Team operations, personal communications, providing safety and emergency service radio comm. for community and civic events. A few examples are the March of Dimes-Walk America, Special Olympics, Parades, Crime Watch, Blood Transfer Service for The American Red Cross, Hot Air Balloon Fests, Boy Scouts of America Jamborees, Mutual Aid with surrounding REACT Councils. Like the recent "Operation Rock and Roll", in the Washington, D.C. Metro Area and surrounding Areas and other areas of disaster services. In regards to "Operation Rock and Roll", REACT and RACES were the back up links to all points when the telephone and cellular went down. REACT operators manned a lot of the positions at that exercise. I was allowed to be an observer there and to support them with mutual aid from the PA REACT Teams.

Another concern is having .675 as an emergency and traveler's assist only. Most of the REACT Teams in PA survive on donations and this will be a hardship for them to either put up an additional repeater or switch to another frequency.

If you could keep it the way it was and just mention there may be increased emergency and traveler's assist calls on the air.

We believe that the Personal Radio Steering Group in their petition for reconsideration voices the feelings of a large segment of the GMRS users community who desire that self regulation continue to play a large part in the regulation of the GMRS.

Thank You for adding us to your list of GMRS users supporting the Personal Radio Steering petition.

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