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Subject: R&O 99-412 Question.

Excuse me for asking this, as I am sure the FCC is going to be swamped with question about the Amateur Restructuring. (Asking before there is even info on the FCC Web Site!)

However, I have two questions (as do a large group of Amateur Operators in my "group") about the R&O- and I believe these would be good questions for clarification in general:

Number One: I am a Tech Plus Operator who happens to be a pre-1987 Technician. At one time I read that for pre-1987 operators who have lost their "proof" expired licenses, that a request to the FCC could be made for a letter that would confirm to a VEC that status? Although I am fairly certain I have my 1986 issued original license, others in my "group" are not. Also, is a photocopy valid proof for a VE if the original expired license is not found?

Number Two: Will a combination of current Element 4A and Element 4B CSCEs (assuming they are < 365 days old and valid) constitute a valid new Element 4 after April 15, 2000? At least one of the members of the "group" will qualify for an Extra if this is the case.

I want to let you know that the FCC did an excellent job with this restructuring-- the result seems the *best* compromise.

Thanks,

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