

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20544

January 15, 2001

In the matter of)
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Amendment of Part 97 of the) RM-10018
Commission's Rules to Allow)
Increased Frequency Privileges to)
Amateurs having Proficiency in)
Telegraphy in Accordance with the)
International Requirements)

To: The Commission

COMMENTS ON RM-10018

The commenter, Hans Brakob, an FCC Amateur Radio Licensee for several decades, assigned station call KOHB, agrees in principle with the petition of Joseph Speroni, AH0A, and proposes an expansion of the frequencies allowed.

1. Because of attrition (no new Novices being licensed), current Novice licensees (and Technician licensees who have passed the 5WPM Morse code test) face a continuously diminishing ability to engage in Morse contacts in their current CW band segments.

2. While these segments are also available for use by other license classes, most licensees with higher class licenses tend to avoid the Novice sub-bands so as not to infringe on this reserved practice territory. This well-meaning reluctance to infringe may be misplaced, but it is real,