

Comments Regarding RM-9807 Appeal

As a longtime Citizen's Band (CB) operator, active since the 1960's, current Amateur Operator (N2RLL), and proponent of fairness across the board when it comes to access to the airwaves, I respectfully urge the repeal of the 155-mile CB distance of communications limit at the Commission's earliest opportunity.

My reasons are simple - the obvious fact that 27 MHz signals naturally propagate hundreds or even thousands of miles during daylight hours, without the aid of linear amplifiers, notwithstanding, this appeal in favor of RM-9807 should be granted because:

1. CB emergency communicators, individuals and those associated with REACT International, Inc., must be allowed to communicate over long distances when answering an emergency call from afar -- even if that distance exceeds 155 miles. To NOT do so puts lives and property in jeopardy and sends the wrong message to good, law-abiding radio operators - not just CBers. The FCC rule prohibiting long-distance communications currently doesn't specifically address emergency CB communications. It must in order to be held to the high standards I know the FCC wants to maintain.

2. The rule should also be amended to include traveler's assistance - whether on Channel 9 or elsewhere on CB channels.

I respectfully urge the FCC to legally allow emergency CB communicators to do their jobs without having to say, "I'm sorry - can't communicate with that station, it's too far away."

Sincerely,

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