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 Subject: Subject RM-10620 Merit Issues Ham Radio, and Related other various RM's on CW's

Hello - "SEE BOTTOM RELATING TO VEC / TESTING ISSUE ALSO"

My 2 / RM-10620 and RM-10784 / as well as the other 11 related RM in pending hold before the commission, have failed to address some mater, if and when the commission gets off its "rump" and act's upon any or in part.

Other country's through out the world have set into motion the mater of this change on the "CW" issue, and most other countries rules go into effect on Jan 1'st of 2004.

Leaving the The United States of America, in a less than 10 th place ranking in rapid service to the amateur radio community!

This delay of sorts put's retail vendors, of American Manufactured Antenna's and ham radio equipment related stuff in a slow sale mode.

The lack of "some" limited action in the least has slowed down new retail sales in the United States!

As I reported in past email, and publications the lack of the fcc acting in part has caused the loss of estimated \$3.3 million of Christmas sales! The outlook that more than +157,000 ham would be upgraded in class or status would related to a minimum upgrade purchases of new or used HF radio equipment of \$400 each, however american ham's like the bells and whistles, so the expect new purchases would be around \$4,000 for more than half of them within the first year or so!

**\$+30 MILLION IN TOP OF THE LINE NEW
 RETAIL SALES THE FIRST YEAR IS
 ESTIMATED FOR JUST HALF OF THE
 SUSPECTED UPGRADES.**

**ALONG WITH THE \$3.3 MILLION IN LOST MASS
 SALES THIS PUT THE SHORT TERM LOSS AT
 ABOUT \$34 MILLION IN SALES.**

**THE LONG TERM GAIN IN RETAIL SALES
 OVER A 5 YEAR TO 10 YEAR PERIOD COULD**

BE AS GREAT AS \$250 MILLION AS THE US EXPORTS RADIO GEAR TO OTHER NATIONS WHERE THERE ARE NO REAL RETAIL STORES!

The issue of the "slow" response from the commission, is hurting small business, and making the the amateur community think that the commission only cares about the BPL, and telephone companies! However the almost +680,000 ham licenses held in the united states vote, and the election draws near! A commission not willing to protect the amateur community, the amateur radio sales community, and american manufacturing of support equipment used by hams is the issue.

Each ham hold within his direct family at least 3 votes on a average! Confining the retail business witch some are not licensee, but jobs depend on manufacturing or sales this puts the actual voting issue close to 1 million in non licensee's business.

TOTAL GENERAL ELECTION VOTERS RELATED TO HAM RADIO OR JOBS DEPEND ON HAM RADIO COULD BE MORE THAN +3.4 MILLION [THIS IS A LOW BALL BALL PARK NUMBER] ! THE OTHER AREAS OF RADIO WITH TIES TO HAM RADIO IS WELL OVER 24 MILLION EXCLUDING THE CELL PHONE INDUSTRY .. ~ . !

THE FCC HAS PUT OUT THE WORD THAT THEY PERHAPS WILL NOT BE GOING FOR A UNTIL AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION OF 2004. COULD THIS NOT BE POLITICAL.

THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE PUT THIS ON HOLD TILL THE NATIONAL ELECTION! SO IS THE THE DAY THE

**COMMISSION SELL'S OFF FREQUENCYS WE USE BPL
OR CELL PHONE COMPANY ? WORD'S FROM
INSIDERS AT THE COMMISSION SUGGEST THIS IS
POLITICAL FOOT DRAGGING!**

**LESS PEOPLE ON HF, LESS PEOPLE TO MAKE WAVES
WHEN THE FCC PUTS COUNTRY WIDE BPL IN
SERVICE ?**

**Yes word on the street, and word from inside the
commission suggests, looks like the hams have been
sold down the river again for gain to the telecom
industry again!**

**Knowing the errors that were made in Part 95 relating
to the National React in UHF GMRS issue it only took
the commission day's to address this issue a few
years ago! Then why will it take the commission a
year for Ham's!**

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OVERLOOKED VE ISSUES IF CODE IS RETAINED AND RELATED !

If the commission allows the the hams to retain the 5 WPM code for the extra class it will cause problems with the VEC holding the exam's.

Parts of the VEC / FCC exam process must be changed as the requirements for the, Parts of 47 CFR 97 need to be changed that state to the effect or sorts "The Code Exam for the Extra [and or General]" must be "Pre-arranged" with the VE exam team.

This is only if some part of the CW is retained for the exam process.

In other words "No Walk In's for the CW exam" shall be common practice! A appointment must be made and confirmed for the CW exam.

The practice of having 3 VE's for the "CW" exam may become a issue at some small exam sites! The issue of small exam sites not having enough VE's with CW should be looked into and it is suggested that the make allowances to Exempt Small exam sites to (2)

VE's with "CW-Code" !

The written exam should still require 3 or even future 4 VE's of lower classes exam. [National VEC Input Suggestion]

In the case where only 2 VE's show up that have needed CW-CODE perhaps the exam could still be given, but the final grading would be one by the VEC HQ's, to prevent un-due hardship on the applicant! [future national VEC] Input!

In all case's the VEC's should require at least double the needed VE for a exam show up to prevent hardship on the applicant!

Over the years I've hear several calls over repeaters, trying to contact VE's because a exam site was short help!

This is just poor service to the public, a canceled exam!

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