

Commissioners:

I have already filed a comment on RM-10867, but would like to add an additional comment to that previous filing.

A number of commenters on this and related petitions have pointed out that a new question pool is scheduled to be brought into use as of 1 July 2004, and that this pool is slated to remain in use until 2008. Given the consequences of this change and the need for some administrative changes to be made by the NCVEC system in order to smoothly continue dependable testing and licensing with a minimum of disruption to both the volunteer system and to the FCC, I urge the Commission to expedite a ruling on these petitions so as to bring whatever changes the Commission institutes on line before that deadline.

The relative lack of comments being filed for any or all of the related petitions indicates that there is not as much interest or resistance to any part of the proposals submitted by the various parties in interest. The ARRL proposal, RM-10867, has drawn the bulk of the comments, and they are overwhelmingly favorable to the proposal as written.

I urge the Commission to give this proposal a short track and to adopt such provisions as the Commission may desire to enact within the time remaining before the new pool must be activated.

Thank you.

/s/ Albert J. Schramm