

Before the  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of

AMENDMENT OF PART 97 OF THE  
COMMISSION'S RULES GOVERNING THE  
AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE TO  
IMPLEMENT CHANGES TO ARTICLE 25  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO  
REGULATIONS ADOPTED AT THE 2003  
WORLD RADIO COMMUNICATION  
CONFERENCE

RM-10867

**Reply to comments of Robert E Pattison K4DU posted 04/21/2004**

First, I would like to thank the FCC for accepting the comments from the public on this RM-10867.

The comments posted by Mr. Robert E Pattison, K4DU, who signs his comments **“Director of the Albemarle Amateur Radio Club and Co-Chair of Committee on Amateur Radio Restructuring”** while very well written and precise in their statements are at the same time as a result of the very first paragraph also misleading. While I will not disagree with the quote of there being about **“1500 Amateur Radio operators that reside in Charlottesville, Virginia and the surrounding counties.”** I do find it hard to believe that there is any valid basis for these comments to attempt to sound as if they are representing the entire amateur operator population of the area when as I have been informed by Mr. Pete R. Thorsen, Jr. the President of the Albemarle Amateur Radio Club that the current membership of the club is presently at 56 members which is only 3.7% of the amateur operators reported as being in the area. I feel that if the opening statement of the comment is attempting to represent as if it speaks for all operators in the area, it makes one wonder about the validity of the entire comment.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concern about this comment.

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