

I agree with the comments of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL, 6/15/04).

I propose one improvement, namely, that the extension of operating privileges for entry-level licensees (Novices, Tech Pluses, etc.) in the HF bands proposed by the Commission include not only CW emissions but also data and RTTY authority.

This modest change will make it possible for the newer amateurs to take immediate advantage of traditional RTTY, as well as the digital modes that have come into play in recent years. Without this action, the community of newer radio amateurs will have to await final action by the Commission on the wide variety of pending license restructuring proposals--which may well be several years hence--before enjoying RTTY and digital contacts.