

Re: **Electronic Comment Filing, Proceeding 05-235**

I am currently a license “No code” technician class Amateur radio operator. I fully support the NPRM&O in WT Docket 05-235 to eliminate 5 WPM Morse code requirement for all license classes.

CW is an outdate mode of operation. Requiring potential amateur radio operator to be proficient at CW is equvalant to requiring knowledge of spark gap transmitters. Frequency allocations thru band plans should not be eliminated for these mode, as this would prevent many who still enjoy CW undue hardship, as the mode is still viable.

I have read many comments stating that CW is a better mode in times of emergence with poor band conditions, which may be true, but there is noting prevention a operate from use a computer or other electronic device to send and receive this mode if needed. The advantage of Amateur radio is the ability to adapt and overcome difficulties, by being proficient in more the one mode of operations and the ability to change band as conditions dictate.

The radio community and general public would be much better server with a modernization of the current question pool to include more current modes of communication such as Packet, APRS, PSK31 , etc.

Many times I hear operators that claim to be “CW” proficient, unable to perform simple task with modern radio equipment such as programming memory channels, selecting VFO mode or even changing offset and CTCSS tones. Perhaps part of the requirement should be to bring a radio you intend to operate and prove you are proficient with its operations

Many claim the CW testing prevents “undesirables” from entering the ranks of amateur radio operators. I have heard poor radio etiquette from as many more CW operators than I have from “No Code” operators. Knowledge of CW does not make for a better Amateur radio operator. The amateur radio community would be better severed by mentoring ALL potential operators and leading by example. Perhaps one should be sponsored by an active ham as part of the licensing requirements.