

Members of the Commission,

I respectfully implore that you deny the Request for Waiver of Part 15 Rules, as requested by Octatron and Chang Industries. A number of major corporations who have operations in the 902 - 928MHz spectrum have already made their comments in opposition; please allow me to comment as an Amateur Radio operator.

Amateur Radio was founded upon - and continues today to aspire to - one of the principles first established by the FCC: that of a well-trained and technically-capable force, able to establish, maintain and repair communications. Along with this comes the ability to experiment - Amateurs are the only licensed service allowed to modify radio equipment for experimentation and research.

The 900 MHz spectrum is one of the allocations granted to Amateurs by the FCC which not only allows, but mandates that Amateurs be able to exhibit these specific abilities of modification and experimentation. No commercially available equipment operates "out-of-the-box" on 902 - 928 MHz. Rather, equipment developed for use on other sections of spectrum must be modified to operate within the Amateur allocation. Being able to operate within this allocation enhances the Amateur, in that (s)he needs to develop the skills necessary. In my experimentation with 900 MHz, I can readily say that the experience has assisted me in becoming more technically proficient, and a better Amateur Radio Operator / Licensee as a result.

There as those who will say that they know of no-one using this allocation in the Amateur community. I strongly disagree - there are many Amateurs today using this spectrum, and more are coming on the air daily. It was Amateur experimentation that brought us many of the communications enhancements we all take for granted today. Do not diminish this ability by restricting Amateur access to this allocation, or causing a situation of interference that cannot be overcome. As one who has recently discovered the thrill

of being able to "homebrew" a radio again, as was done in the early days of radio, I ask that the Commission deny the Request for Waiver of Part 15 Rules, as requested.

Thank you for your consideration.

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