

I am writing this as a comment to the FCC. Agent 3852 dmK stated that the FCC was considering a proposal regarding the practice of sending multiple applications for vanity calls. I think sending multiple applications is an abusive practice by those who do it. I will probably not get a fair and equal chance to get a call sign I wanted because W0SX sent 30 or more applications for the call sign, whereas I sent 1 application for the FCC staff to process. My suggestion is that any duplicate applications should be truncated, and if there is a lottery for a call sign there should be only one application allowed per call sign for the lottery. Otherwise, someone could just hire a secretary to send hundreds of applications and the FCC staff would be overloaded. Another possibility would be to just auction off the call signs as they become available, just like an eBay auction. It would be nice if the FCC could act on this before I have lost my opportunity for an equal chance for the call sign W0KW. Please also read my email below and the response by your customer support agent. Thank you for considering my position.

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The case you submitted via the FCC has been resolved. The resolution details for Case ID HD0000000613353 are below.

If you have any questions contact us at (877) 480-3201.

Thank You!

Summary : abusive practices - vanity call sign applications

Description : I am currently waiting for a reply on my application for a vanity call sign. The applications for W0KW were filed on 5/15/06. This is on the desk of the FCC now, and I request immediate action. A reply is requested.

I am applying for W0KW.

According to AE7Q.com, there are about 83 applications pending for that call sign.

I filed one application.

I see that a fellow ham, W0SX, has about 30 applications filed for the same vanity call sign.

This is ridiculous, and unethical for someone to do that, and unreasonable for the FCC to tolerate it.

It is an abuse of the vanity call sign system, and doesn't give others a fair chance to be considered when one person files 30 or more (I didn't count them) out of 82 applications to unfairly increase his chances to get the call sign he wants.

I protest all of the duplicate applications, and I request that all but one of the applications of W0SC be tabled and not included for consideration for the vanity call sign W0KW.

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Solution Description : The filing of multiple applications requesting a particular vanity call sign is a controversial practice within the amateur service community. We receive many inquiries that express opposition to this practice. The FCC proposed a rule change in WT Docket No. 04-140 that it believed would eliminate the incentive for applicants to file multiple applications for a vanity call sign. The FCC is considering the comments it received in response to its proposal, and the matter will be addressed in an upcoming decision.

Should you have any further questions or need additional information, please submit a request for help at <http://esupport.fcc.gov/index.htm> , or call the ULS Customer Support Hotline at 1-877-480-3201, selecting option 2 after the main menu recording.

Sincerely,

Agent 3852 dmK

FCC ULS Customer Support