

I file today in opposition to two Petitions for Reconsideration of WT Docket 05-235, FCC 06-178 the Report and Order eliminating the Morse Code testing requirement. The first by Mr. Anthony Gordon contends that Morse Code is a "core competency" for Amateur Radio and as such the elimination of Morse Code testing has "significant national security implications". I don't see where that is even close to reality. Amateur Radio would be used domestically to help in natural or man-made disasters until National Guard or other National communications resources could be brought to bare. This was illustrated on September 11, 2001 and during the Hurricane Katrina disaster and voice was the primary mode used. The last military use of Morse Code was by the US Coast Guard in 1995 and the last commercial use was in 1999. Therefore we in amateur radio should get with the program and advance to the 21st century. As far as the petitioner who claims discrimination, he is totally in left field. There has been no discrimination and the FCC has clearly stated that sending emails could be subject to the Commissions spam filters. The only sure way to file was either via the US Postal Service or through the ECFS.

Respectfully,

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