

Comment of Bud Semon"

"I use automatically controlled data stations and networks on the HF amateur radio bands very often. The ability to have wider bandwidths and freedom to pick any clear frequency in the data subbands is essential for the effective operation of these systems."

Automatic stations cannot "pick any clear frequency". The only way for these stations to be found by client stations is to populate fixed operating frequencies. Services that provide user-per-trunk type of operation must have multiple fixed frequencies in use in order to meet speed-of-answer requirements.

"The services these systems provide are essential for emergency communications, furthering the purpose of amateur radio, and they are part of amateur radio's reason to exist. Please do not limit their bandwidth or spectrum any further than the existing rules already do."

The petition will not prevent any of these systems from operating. Part 97.401, 97.403, and 97.405 address the needs of emergency communications during times of disaster, safety of life and property, and stations in distress.