

To the Commission: As an amateur radio operator, and a military node center operator/manager, I have had occasion to utilize encryption devices in the United States Army, particularly the KY-57 Vinson, KG-194A Trunk Encryption Device, and KGX-93A Key Generation and Automatic Key Distribution Device. Nothing amateur radio operators (or, for that matter, public safety officials) could employ for encrypting their communications would pose a significant barrier to appropriately trained and authorized government personnel in decryption and analysis; accordingly, a grant of the rulemaking petition in this case, for the limited purpose requested, would be in the public interest. Respectfully submitted: /s./ James Edwin Whedbee, M.Ed., M.P.A. - N0ECN, U.S.A. (Ret.) 13th Signal Battalion...