

to amateur radio's continued survival as a viable means of future telecommunications - for modernization of the emission modes rules and regulations. The current mode-based rules are laughably beyond obsolescence and require immediate and thoughtful modernization, to include regulation by bandwidth. This will foster enhancements to the state of the art, employment of new radio communications techniques, and create the telecommunications jobs of the future. There can be no hyperbole in the statement that the rulemaking is critical to the future of U.S. competitiveness in communication arts.

7. I concur also with those proponents who suggest the rulemaking presented here doesn't go nearly far enough. The entire emission-based concept of regulating amateur radio must be extinguished in favor of bandwidth-based regulations if amateur radio is to have the flexibility to move forward as a state-of-the-art developing radio service.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully urges the Commission's adoption of the proposed rulemaking at its earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted:

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