

Proposed Rule Making RM□ 11708

This comment is being submitted by Michael A. Ellithorp. I have been a licensed radio amateur with call sign KF6OBI since 1997, holding both a current Amateur Extra Class license, and a Radiotelephone General Class Operator License. I have long been an active supporter and user of digital data transmission in my daily activities, and in my Amateur Radio avocation supporting public service and disaster relief communications.

I totally support the requested modification to Part 97 of the FCC Rules referring to specifying digital transmissions by occupied bandwidth rather than by symbol rate for the following reasons:

- ⤴ Will permit greater flexibility within and between the different digital data communication modes.
- ⤴ Will encouraging the development of new protocols that will enhance the utilization of the RF spectrum.
- ⤴ Will allow more efficient use of available bandwidth.
- ⤴ Will eliminate outdated rules so as to remove road blocks that hamper further innovation.
- ⤴ Will bring Amateur Radio in the United States into alignment with the rest of the developing world.
- ⤴ Will attract new minds and souls to amateur radio by opening new opportunities for creativity and experimentation, with out limitation.
- ⤴ Will open the door to open-source options, and experimentation.

I thus strongly suggest adoption of the proposed ARRL rule changes by the Commission for the betterment of Amateur Radio in the United States.

Thank you for your consideration,

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