

OPPOSITION to RM-11708

To the Commission,

I oppose the request made by RM-11708. I could not have said better than what Paul Courson stated in his comments submitted on 12/23/2013.

This is merely an attempt, by the ARRL, to placate a really very small faction to allow the use of PACTOR 4. Besides providing an effective means to shield traffic due to a proprietary process, the increased speed would permit larger data transmissions of unknown content. Amateur radio is not intended as a means for bypassing commercial processes that are available for such purposes.

Equally, the claimed intent of "emergency" communications is truly a red herring. Amateur radio is not the "LAST" resort, if it were, GOD help us. It is the reliability that is important, not the speed. Using a proprietary process does not necessarily translate to being a reliable process.

As usual the ARRL did not even vet this request with their membership. Likewise they did not even try to get a "feeling" of community acceptance, as per a FCC Staffer (you know who you are), before their submission.

This is a poorly thought out effort that is frivolous and lacks any serious merit as it currently stands. I am opposed to this RM-11708 and urge the Commission to reject it.

Thank you,

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