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There are two arguments before the commission. The first is whether to allow a new wider bandwidth on HF, and the other is that the bandwidth is too wide already.

Neither of these arguments require new regulation. The Amateur Radio Service (ARS) has been under attack for years by vested interests. The yacht owners Pactor email service, Emergency Management entities, and the National Weather Service.

It should be noted, that the ARS is foremost an experimental service. Regulating bandwidth is like regulating resistor values. It is the antithesis of experimentation.

In my earlier comments I proposed complete deregulation of the ARS, and if this has some sort of negative impact on Yacht Email, Emergency Management, or the National Weather Service, then let them be allocated a new more regulatory spectrum. I believe the Military has frequencies available for these activities, and even NATO modems to transport the data they desire to transmit.

By deregulation, I also mean allowing Spread Spectrum. The use of infinite bandwidth is not really an experiment, it exists today, and where else but an experimental spectrum allocation should it not exist freely.

I realize there are nostalgia operators, who thrive on modes of communications thought extinct, and while nostalgia is fun and enjoyable, they too do not require regulations of the extent that exist today.

In my 1992 Petition (RM-7831) to allow Time Division Multiplex in VHF and UHF was denied because there was "no consensus regarding protocol standards". I should repeat, that this regulatory refusal to allow an experimental mode was the complete opposite of the purpose of an experimental radio spectrum. I was disappointed then, and I am disappointed today, by the amount of regulations designed to reward narrow interests, and multi-million dollar corporations, over the main purpose of the spectrum: the people in their garages on the weekends.

The ARS regulations, as they exist, are like a national park; where people can enjoy the vast beauty, but can't go off the trail. Sometimes you have to trust the public. Some will require arrest, but most will abide by the rule that each participant is as important as the next. Let Americans flex their wings. By the way, less spectrum regulation is cheaper.

Respectfully submitted,

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