

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D. C.

In the matter of:)	
)	ET Docket 02-98
Amendment of Parts 2 and 97 of the)	
Commission's Rules to Create a Low)	RM-9404
Frequency Allocation for the Amateur)	
Radio Service)	
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Amendment of Parts 2 and 97 of the)	
Commission's Rules Regarding an)	RM-10209
Allocation of a Band Near 5MHz for the)	
Amateur Radio Service)	
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Amendment of Parts 2 and 97 of the)	
Commission's Rules Concerning The Use)	RM-9949
of the 2400-2402 MHz Band By The)	
Amateur and Amateur Satellite Services)	

COMMENTS OF K7REC

I am a licensed Advanced Class radio amateur how has been licensed since 1987. I support the allocation of Amateur bands around 136kHz and 5MHz.

Should the 60 meter band be limited to Extra class operators only?

The NPRM does bring up an issue regarding if whether the new "60 meter" band be restricted to Extra Class operators due to the secondary status aspect of the band.

I feel that by restricting the 60 meter band to strictly Extra Class operators would limit the pool of operators that can be used to carry out emergency traffic net communications on the band.

Reserving the 60 meter band for only Extra Class operators is inconsistent with prior Commission policy. Currently, no other entire-band is reserved for Extra Class operators only. This includes the 30 meter band, which is secondary to the fixed services. This band has been used for years by General and Advanced Class licensees with no problems. In addition, amateurs of these classes (as well as Technicians) have been sharing the 70cm, 33cm, 23cm and the microwave bands will very little problem.

I urge the Commission to assure that the entire 60m band is made available to General, Advanced and Extra Class licensees.

60m reservation for CW/Data

There has been some discussion in the Amateur community about the placement of sub-band for CW and data communications. Based on the nature of this band, I feel that a sub-band can be placed for the activities. I do not feel however, that it should be half of the band as was done in the case of the 17m and 12m WARC bands. I am recommending that the lower 30 kHz portion of the band (5250-5280 kHz) be set aside for CW, data and other emerging narrowband technologies.

Conclusion

The changes proposed in the NPRM will foster the improvement and expansion of the Amateur Radio Service.

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