

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)

1998 Biennial Regulatory Review --
Amendment of Part 97 of the Commission's
Amateur Service Rules.

WT Docket No. 98-143

FCC Report and Order
Released December 30, 1999

FCC Report and Order 99-412

To: The Commission

cc: Chairman William E. Kennard
Commissioner Susan Ness
Commissioner Michael Powell
Commissioner Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth
Commissioner Gloria Tristani

PETITION FOR PARTIAL RECONSIDERATION

Date: 17 January 2000

On behalf of

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I have thoroughly read and reviewed FCC Report and Order 99-412 and the Petition for Partial Reconsideration submitted by Wormser, Adsit and Dinelli dated 17 January 2000. I am in full agreement with this petition. I feel FCC Report and Order 99-412 de-emphasizes the technical aspect of Amateur Radio and will thus have a negative impact on the service. FCC Report and Order 99-412 as it stands will have a very detrimental effect on Amateur Radio for the reasons listed in Wormser, Adsit and Dinelli's petition. I submitted comments relating to WT Docket 98-143 that are very similar to Wormser, Adsit and Dinelli's comments.

I will not reiterate the same points mentioned by Wormser, Adsit and Dinelli. I think their views more accurately reflect the views of the active Amateur Radio community than FCC Report and Order 99-412. By creating new licenses that reduce technical competency, the FCC will be faced with increased Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) problems created by less competent operators. Also, granting less qualified operators full access to the HF frequencies will increase interference and poor operations on an international level.

To maintain the integrity of Amateur Radio and to promote the technical advancement of the radio art, I implore the FCC to reconsider FCC Report and Order 99-412.

Sincerely,

Stephen B. Gerstenschlager