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To: <ELB@fcc.gov>
Date: 3/4/02 5:18AM
Subject: Attachment Submission Arrangement

Gentlemen:

Your arrangement for adding attachments to a filing does not work. If you click on the instructions page, all you get is a "Page Can't Be Found".

When I put some .txt documents into the submission arrangement it comes back with a red flag arrangement that says invalid characters, or invalid format, or some such problem.

If you are going to be receiving documents from the general public, you should make it pretty well tolerant of a number of variations. We common folk for the most part are NOT IT PROFESSIONALS, and therefore cannot guess what your system is all in a dither about.

Please forward my included letter to Mr. Tony Serafini, or the appropriate engineer who reviews Experimental License Applications. I will also post this letter on my website at this URL www.rtty.com/xyzzzy so that if it does not make it via your e-mail mechanism, I can call him and tell him where to find it on the internet.

Thank you,

George B. Hutchison

Date: 04 Mar 2002

To: FCC Office Of Engineering and Technology
Renewal Application Reviewing Engineer

From: George B. Hutchison
Applicant for Renewal
Experimental License WC2XPF
File Number: 0038-EX-RR-2002

Subj: Letter of Explanation

Dear Sir:

When I attempted to send several text documents as attachments to my application via your system I got back a series of "Red Flags" indicating my documents were unsuitable for your system.

The page of instructions when clicked upon returns a "File Can't Be Found" page.

I have placed the documents I wished to send to you on my website.

If you will go to <www.rtty.com/logbook> you will find the complete file of computer generated logs for WA9XHN/WC2XPF (WA9XHN was the

STA Callsign) since we began operation. They are pretty well self-explanatory, but should you have questions, please e-mail me at <w7ksj@attbi.com> and I will explain any uncertainties.

I have also placed a file at <www.rtty.com/rawsurv> which is a complete record of replies received from a survey I have been running on public/listener opinion with regard to the efforts of WC2XPF, and whether it is felt that WC2XPF should be renewed.

The survey is not perfect, but there are some important data which I hope you will consider. First is that the responses come from all over the United States, some from Canada and Mexico, as well as New Zealand, Australia, Germany, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. I view this as indicating that WC2XPF IS getting out.

The second important point is that if you will read the preamble to the survey form by clicking on the link on the main page of the website, you will see that I emphasized that it was important that THEIR opinions and comments be expressed, and that "Rubber Stamping" of my thoughts was undesirable.

I believe that the commission does not want to be bombarded by a host of repetitive form letters, the assumption being that sheer numbers will overwhelm and convince. I have learned some interesting points from the comments received. Although it did my heart good to see that most everyone who responded wants to see it continue, it also showed a few deficiencies and changes that I can make to improve WC2XPF. I feel the significant point you folks at the commission will see is that the comments ARE those of the respondents, and there were some significant thoughts expressed.

I am hopeful that you will look favorably upon the renewal of WC2XPF. A point of consideration for you folks as well as myself is that the object of the license was to ascertain the interest on the part of the general public in Radioteletype transmissions of a general nature. I feel that has been accomplished.

My concern now is where does one go from this point?

It is my belief that transmissions of the nature of WC2XPF should not be immediately curtailed upon expiration of the license. However, there is no rule infrastructure within the commission which allows for short-wave broadcasts intended for the General Public of The United States. It is all for Far-distant targets, with requirements for directional antennas, high-powered transmitters, and broadcasters with gigantic checking accounts.

I am hereby coining the term "Domestic Short-wave Data Broadcasting" as being an object of consideration for establishment by the commission. Such a service would be an adjunct to America's current communications capabilities, and would be consistent with President Bush's goal to strengthen our Homeland Security through additional resources such as private citizens and volunteers are willing to put in place.

I have been approached by others who would like to engage in broadcasting such as does WC2XPF. I envision a network of several stations in different parts of the United States sharing the same frequencies as WC2XPF and operating on a coordinated basis to enhance coverage both time-wise and due to propagational limitations, and assuring minimal interference to like stations and adjacent services. (I take a bit of pride in that in a year and a half there have been no complaints of interference from WC2XPF to any other services.)

WC2XPF is located in the Northwestern corner of the United States, but has been received throughout the country. Is it not obvious that additional stations in locations such as Kansas, New York, Florida, and Hawaii could not but improve coverage?

Would your office please carefully consider renewing WC2XPF for a period of time to allow me to sufficiently explore and possibly cause to initiate the rulemaking processes to bring before the full commission sufficient information as to verify or disprove the significance of DSDB?

I realize the commission works very slowly to enact its processes. Two or three years would not be unrealistic for the DSDB concept to be researched and decided.

I look forward to a constructive dialogue between myself and your office in this matter. I will also initiate inquiries with the International Bureau, and with the Office Of Homeland Security in quest of furthering the concept of DSDB.

Thank you for your time in considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,

George B. Hutchison
Licensee, WC2XPF