

**Report of the Executive Committee
ARRL Board of Directors
July 2023**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Following are noteworthy actions of the Executive Committee (EC) since the January Board Meeting.

The EC continues to work closely with Counsel Siddall on pending FCC matters and filings before the Commission. These efforts are given top priority.

FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), RM-11785, ET Docket 23-120 and 23-121, on April 18, 2023, to initiate proceedings to implement provisions of WRC-2015 and WRC-2019 treaties, which includes the Amateur allocation for 5 MHz, the 60-meter band. (ODV:34760) In 2017, you will recall that the ARRL petitioned the FCC to keep the existing use of the band and adding a new allocation adopted internationally, including the 100 W PEP ERP limit. The FCC proposed to allocate the 15 kHz bandwidth but stopped short of making a proposal on whether the existing channels should remain allocated to amateur radio and what the power limitations should be. Comments will be due 60 days after the NPRM is published in the Federal Register. Although the Order portion of the NPRM was published, the NPRM has not been published yet so the comment period has not begun. (ODV:34867) The EC will work with Counsel Siddall on comments to be filed.

Counsel Siddall appeared before the Executive Branch panel regarding NTIA National Spectrum Strategy (NSS). NTIA-2023-0003, Docket No. 230308-0068. One of the immediate concerns is the 3 GHz band, which as you know is also an issue with Congressional and Executive branch policymakers. Subsequent to the NSS session, Counsel Siddall filed comments for ARRL on April 17, 2023. (ODV:34765)

An ad hoc group called Shortwave Modernization Coalition has petitioned the FCC to allow data communications on multiple bands within the HF range with up to 20 KW, including in bands immediately adjacent to spectrum allocated to the Amateur Radio Service. It appears this effort will be for high-speed stock trading interests. (ODV:34803) The FCC assigned it RM-11953. Comments are due by July 31, and reply comments due by August 15. Mr. Minster and the ARRL Lab are currently assisting Counsel Siddall with input. (ODV:34944) The EC will also work closely with Counsel Siddall to prepare comments.

Since the January Board meeting, the EC held one virtual meeting on March 30, 2023. See detailed Minutes in ODV:34756.

I want to thank the members of the EC for their hard work and dedication to Amateur Radio and the League.

Respectfully submitted,

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