

In reply to the comments by Richard B. Geltman in item 6, in which he states that "UPLC reports that.. there has been no interference reported in many of the field tests...by it's members", Mr. Geltman is using a small sample of the tests in which interference was "not reported" by the UPLC's own members. This tells me that he is ignoring tests that did or would have had interference demonstrated on the Amateur Radio and Shortwave Broadcast HF frequencies, had an independent third party observer been present. I read this to mean that the UPLC selected only those tests to report on which were observed only by their own, presumably biased, members. Having observed the interference on the Amateur Radio and Shortwave Broadcasting bands as reported by the American Radio Relay League, and having a vested interest in continued interference-free use of these bands myself, I believe that the approval of this docket by the FCC will effectively eliminate Amateur Radio, Shortwave Broadcasting as viable communications modes both for hobby use and for communications in times of emergency, and greatly reduce the ability of our government to carry on emergency HF communications as needed to fight terrorism and to remediate the effects of disaster in this country.