

**Subject: Further statement on BeacoNet**

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After additional review and conversation The ARRL has come to believe that BEACONet is similar to an automated CQing system. It facilitates the solicitation of contacts. It uses a band that is usable in the particular contest, and QSOs are made on such radios. It uses a mode that is acceptable for contacts in the particular contest. BEACONet seems to comply with the letter and spirit of the contest rules. Although this might be a "new" concept in V/UHF contesting, it doesn't seem contrary to the rules. In view of this interpretation, it appears to that BEACONet does not violate any contest rules, and therefore the use of BEACONet is permissible.

If you have questions regarding this rules interpretation, please contact me at n1nd@arrl.org

Thanks and 73

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