

I wish to register my concerns about FCC Docket 03-104, BPL/PLC, the use of power lines to transmit broadband traffic. Studies have shown that this represents a real threat to the amateur radio community (my interest in particular) and also other users of radio bands. While it seems the FCC has been reasonably responsive in helping amateurs deal with utilities who have caused interference, BPL will increase these incidents by orders of magnitude, and I am sure in these tight budget times there will be no increase of the number of FCC personnel allocated to handling these complaints.

Further, the limitation of access to broadband connection has been interest, not a shortage of suppliers. In the Milwaukee area, a metropolitan area but comparatively small one for the US, we have 3 competing broadband access companies.

If BPL is implemented, part of the requirements must include adequate shielding to protect amateur radio operators, who represent a significant communication asset to the people and to the emergency management agencies and to relief organizations.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my comments.