

This comment is in regard to Docket 03-104, the Power Line Broadband (BPL) Proposal.

I am urging you not to allow internet service over power lines. I am an Amateur Radio Operator (Extra Class, NT5Q) and operate primarily in the low transmission power (QRP) arena on the amateur frequencies on the 10 through 80 meter bands. Power lines, major transmission to the simple household distribution, are usually noisy and we have to take extraordinary precautions to shield our equipment in order to pick up radio transmissions. Allowing BPL will only make things worse. Since we use low noise technology receivers, any additional rf noise from power lines will probably knock us off the air, taking a very enjoyable pasttime (and emergency public service) away from us. I will not go into a litany of the effectiveness of the Amateur Radio Service in times of natural and manmade catastrophies. Allowing BPL will essentially kill this activity.

Again, please do not allow the power companies to use the power lines to provide internet service.

Thank You,

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