

I oppose BPL/PLC. I don't think enough study has been done on what it will do to those of us who use Amateur Radio. There is information available which counters BPL/PLC industry claims that minimize concerns of interference to other services. The ARRL Lab has prepared a comprehensive information page, <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/> on the ARRL Web site. The Web site contains files and links of information about PLC and related broadband technologies and how they may adversely affect Amateur Radio and other HF radio operation. Please take a look at and consider this information before coming to any decision. Amateur Radio operators, are licensed by the Federal Communications Commission. Many of us provide Emergency Communications in case of disasters or National Emergency, when conventional communications are unable to handle the radio traffic, i.e.: the 9/11 tragedy in which thousands of amateur radio operators in New York, Washington, DC and nationwide, picked-up the slack and provided a reliable communications outlet when Public Service and Commercial systems were overloaded or non-existent. Emergency Communications are also provided. by Amateur Radio operators, to agencies such as the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and we also provide support for, FEMA and the National Hurricane Service, when requested. We provide an important service to the country free of charge, our operations must be considered before you come to any decision.

Respectfully,  
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