

I wish to comment on the proposed deployment of Broadband Over Powerline (BPL). It is my understanding that this will cause incredible interference within the HF bands, as is the case in Europe and Japan, where this process is known as PLC.

As you are aware the ARRL has done tests that show this to be true and have worked with the FCC to keep this proposed BPL out of the amateur radio bands. Unfortunately this does not fare well for the rest of the spectrum. I fear that BPL will create havoc among the shortwave bands, which I use to receive information from around the world, rendering them useless here in the US.

I believe that I have a right to access information via shortwave radio and that BPL, if implemented, will deny me that right. The HF spectrum should be available to the people, not the highest bidder. While BPL may be a cheap and effective way to access information via the internet, I should not have to pay for information that I can hear for free via shortwave.

In closing I would like to add that the FCC was originally created to protect licensed radio services from interference. PLC will only create more. Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,
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