

Commissioners:

I heartily oppose the introduction of BPL use in our country. Having experienced carrier-current operation during WW-II, I know the consequences of attempting RF reception anywhere in the vicinity of RF transmitted over existing wired systems. It is impossible. While, of course, technology has changed since the '40s - unfortunately, in this case, copper wire remains the fine RF radiator it always has been. BPL, once allowed, will prevail due not to the power of RF, but the power of politics. And BPL will destroy the still imperative availability of Amateur Radio communications in emergencies. Cell phones are of little use in disaster areas (see Hurricane Andrew and the WTC tragedy). BPL will obliterate any useful form of Ham Radio. Don't do this to the volunteer service which has contributed so much to America.

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