

I have been an Amateur Radio Operator for more than 20 years and have operated primarily HF using both CW and SSB as my primary modes. Also I was an over the road truck driver operating HF mobile.

I have operated Army Military Affiliate Radio Service to pass traffic for GI's around the world. Once, I passed a message from South Carolina to a gateway station in California using 5W PEP. I routinely check into the Maritime Mobile Service Net and assist there as necessary. When the FCC designates an emergency frequency, I monitor that frequency to help as I may. I love my hobby for the fun I have, but also for the satisfaction I receive knowing I can help others.

Some years ago a new power connection was being established for a new home. I saw that the engineer was going to run his power lines right over my Dipole antenna. I went out to point out my antenna to the engineer in a cordial manner and suggested another routing of the power line that was approximately the same distance as his routing. His curt reply was, "I am the engineer and I am doing it MY way." He went on to assure me there would be no interference. Ultimately I wound up with a 20 volt induced current in my antenna and 60 cycle hum I had to live with till I moved.

As an over the road truck driver I have driven over broad swaths of the US unable to listen to my AM Broadcast radio or my Ham radio due to the incessant buzz from improperly grounded power poles, noisy transformers and cracked insulators.

If this is the way the current services are handled and the infrastructure maintained I ask, how will they handle the added responsibility of a completely new service? I don't feel there should be ANY changes to authorize less stringent interference levels for access BPL. In fact, a study to establish that current levels are stringent enough might be in order.