

I am much opposed to the legalization and widespread use of power lines as carriers for broadband internet services. As a ham radio operator and radio listener in general, I believe that this system will overpower all but the strongest local stations in our area. Since the FCC has already opened the path for one or two companies to own our local stations (and it's happened here in the Raleigh, NC area) we have very little programming choice already, but can at least receive stations from other nearby towns or even shortwave. If BPL service obliterates this, we'll have even fewer choices. It seems that the public is being forced to subscription services, with the options closing on the open airwaves.

I live in the country where I cannot get broadband cable or DSL. I would like to have them, but would not like to give up my radio for broadband. Folks who do not have, or do not want to have a computer to listen to internet radio would be essentially isolated by blanketing the countryside with broadband noise. Whatever radiation regulations you impose on Utilities would be hard to enforce; just try and get them to clean up the noise on their power lines now! This just seems like another "business opportunity" that the utilities want to try and compete with other companies. They've proven that they can't handle deregulation honestly, I can't see that they'd do any better as ISP's. Please do not let this pollution loose on the countryside!