

I support the position of the ARRL in regards to current BPL issues. Our homes and communities are already full of devices using a variety of frequencies (both licensed and unlicensed). As a licensed amateur radio operator, I urge the FCC to consider the possible effects of BPL on licensed spectrums, especially amateur radio frequencies. It will be very difficult to diagnose, resolve and fix problems if they arise, especially after expenditures on infrastructure by the industry. In the Washington, DC Metro area, there is no need for BPL service, as there are many other Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

As the author of 18 books about UNIX and Linux, I understand the needs and desires of computer users, especially those in areas under-served by ISPs. However, as an amateur radio operator, I think the public service and emergency communications capabilities of the amateur radio service far outweigh the need for the public's access to the Internet.

Sincerely,

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