

Madams and Sirs:

I vehemently oppose broadband over power lines. It will ruin my enjoyment of my life-long public service hobby, amateur radio. I have fought power line interference and street light interference for many years (with the help of PEPCO's interference engineer and Montgomery County). This interference from lines and photo electric street lights wiped out broad segments of the shortwave HF spectrum with S9 to 20 db over S9 noise, prohibiting weak signal reception until the problems were found and corrected. Power lines also currently interfere with my reception of AM talk and sports radio nearly everywhere I drive. Car radios on the AM band are nowhere near the quality they were 30-40 years ago and thus seem very interference prone. Why would the FCC even think of adding BPL interference to this existing problem to amateur radio and AM broadcasting from power lines and associated connected equipment! I just completed a weekend of operating my amateur radio station using 3 different batteries for our annual field day emergency test. If BPL is accepted with resulting interference to weak signal DX communication, this country will have one less amateur operator available to serve as a communication link when cell phones and the power grid is down. Please don't do this? I want to continue my wonderful hobby throughout my retirement and keep my equipment available for emergency use. From my personal experience, I do not believe unwanted interfering RF can be contained within the power grid and out of my highly sensitive HF communications transceiver. Sincerely,

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