

I have been a licensed amateur radio operator for 48 years and my wife, Carolyn, has been licensed for 26 years. We are very concerned about the future of amateur radio due to the proposal to allow broadband over powerlines. We have powerlines about 100 feet (30 meters) from our house. We are constantly having problems with the interference from loose hardware and faulty insulators. If power companies are allowed to transmit BPL under current Part 15 rules, it would obliterate signals. Amateurs radio operators participate in homeland security and other public service capacities. Even in the 21st century, with sophisticated and redundant communications systems, public agencies still rely on amateur radio operators for back-up communications. We have had what sounds like data transmission obliterate AM broadcast band signals. We understand experiments with BPL have been halted in other countries due to interference to users of the HF spectrum. All users of the HF spectrum must be considered.