

I believe that much more study is necessary before broadband internet access over power lines (BPL) is expanded. As an amateur radio operator, I believe that BPL has the potential for serious interference. As a ham operator, we are 'the first of the first' emergency responders. As an employee of the U.S. Dept. of HHS, I have been involved with the high frequency Federal SHARES network. Also, in my public service, I have been involved with events such as the Parklawn (Md.) Classic Race. Public service events such as the above could be seriously compromised by the BPL technology. Further, I understand that in some European countries, BPL is already generating considerable interference. Therefore, I urge the Commission to further study BPL before changing the existing rules.