

As an active Amateur Radio operator, I am very concerned about the interference issues BPL raises. The Amateur service was recently denied access to 136KHz due to objections raised by the utility companies of interference to the PLC. Now is the time for the FCC to protect ALL HF spectrum users by not granting authorization to the utilities to implement BPL until the interference issue has been addressed. Imagine what would happen if I were able to hook an Amateur transceiver to the power line outside of my house. While I might be the envy of every Amateur operator in the area because I have the world's biggest antenna, I certainly wouldn't make friends with my neighbors; especially when my signal starts bleeding into their phones, TVs and stereos. Amateurs provide a priceless service to the general public in times of emergencies and Public Service, especially in today's security-heightened world. Let us continue to do so by allowing us to operate in interference-free spectrum. Say 'NO' to BPL, at the very least until the interference issue is resolved. Thank you.