

This comment is in reference to the Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) issue.

Allowing BPL would severely interfere with amateur radio operations across a number of bands. This interference would not limit itself to just the airwaves, however. It would diminish the enthusiasm of current amateur radio operators and that of future generations. The United States has enjoyed over 80 years of technological advancement, many due in part to amateur radio operators experimenting with technologies that later become part of our everyday lives. The ubiquitous small satellite dish that adorn many household rooftops was developed by a ham and is used extensively for 10Ghz amateur operations. Satellite communications were developed by early "hams" and are still used on amateur bands today. And the list goes on. If our country would like to continue the technological advancements we have enjoyed over the years, then we owe it to our amateur radio operators (much to their own expense but with all of their heart and curiosity) to maintain that path of technological excellence by not encroaching upon resources solely for immediate commercial purposes.

I respectfully urge this commission to carefully consider the BPL issue against the service amateur radio operators have provided in the past, whether it be technological experimentation, emergency and community service, or educational services. Amateur radio is one group that has enjoyed the support of the FCC in the past, and we would sincerely appreciate the FCC's further cooperation going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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