

It is totally premature to be considering any Part 15 service over power lines or any other media that will produce large amounts of radiated energy in the fundamental band or its harrmonics.

Part 15 is so loosly structured in the US as to make it vertually useless as a standard of control. Many other - European - bodies are standing down from BPL, and Germany is only considering it under very demanding test scenarios.

The testing in Maryland is insufficient to be a regulatory pace setter for a service that will have long lasting and far reaching effects. Preliminary results from the ARRL Technical branch already show this to be true. Power line (and CATV) noise is a major problem in the US and - with utility cost/employee cutdbacks - will only get worse. Adding another noise source to an old and archaic infrastructure will only worsen the problem.

This increased noise level will not only effect the Amateur Radio Service, but all existing wireless services.

It is mandatory that the FCC procede cautiously and in a professional manner this time. Expedited is not a synonym for efficiency.

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