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Dr. Tom D. Kennedy (tomdken@cox-internet.com) writes:

Commissioner Adelstein--

I am writing to Chairman Powell and each commissioner to express my concern over the proposed Power Line Communications proposal(Docket 03-104).

As an Amateur Radio operator I experience daily high levels of existing electrical interference, as well as "internal" interference generated by overcrowded conditions on the various Amateur Radio frequencies. The former is managed in limited form by assistance from my local power provider, the latter through the professionalism and courtesy of some half-million licensed operators who utilize the range of Amateur Radio frequencies. However, I (along with hundreds of thousands more ham operators) have great concerns about the incompatibility of PLC technology with the Amateur Radio Service. Tests of PLC in other countries and venues have shown that it causes inordinately high levels of interference to ham radio transmissions and, clearly, threatens to compromise the viability of the Amateur Radio Service in its role in ensuring the public welfare and safety. Ham radio for more than 80 years has been an integral part of disaster recovery and relief, as seen in the Tennessee-M!

issouri region this past week when a tornado and storm activity ravaged the area. Amateur Radio for several days proved to be the only form of communications available after cell towers, commercial broadcast outlets, and even law enforcement communications were put out of commission in the storms' aftermath. Ham radio operators will be at a distinct disadvantage in providing effective and reliable communications should Docket 03-104 be accepted. Please give your most serious consideration to the negative consequences of the measure's application and move to reject it. Internet connectivity already is well served by dial-up, DSL, cable modem and now satellite technology, as well as additional household utilization being made possible by the use of wired and wireless routers. The Notice of Inquiry period opened by the Commission will no doubt generate voluminous comments similar to those I am expressing, and I thank you for giving attention to my observations and request.

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