

We would like to lodge our position as being in favor of pursuing continued testing and eventual implementation of the Broadband over power line technology, should the technology prove viable. This new technology has the potential to help spur economic development and help further rural Broadband deployment, thus helping to eliminate the Broadband divide that currently exists in rural communities.

As an electric cooperative who serves rural electric territories, we understand the need to pursue technologies that would provide Broadband here. We would also like to encourage the FCC to look at offering higher power limits in rural and sparsely populated areas because BPL is even less likely to create interferences in this area, though all information at this time tells us that no interference currently exists in the field trials and pilot projects currently in place.