

The basis of The Amateur Radio Service is public service. We train seriously so as to be prepared and ready to provide assistance in times of disaster, such as tornados, hurricanes, and other events such as 9/11. The horrific interference that has been demonstrated to be created by BPL in its trial deployments will all but eliminate the ability of amateur radio operators to provide this valuable community service, in that it creates extremely strong, broadband noise that covers over all but the very strongest signals. The interference is strong enough to cover over AM broadcast stations that are normally perfectly copiable, so it is not just the amateur radio spectrum that is affected. FCC is encouraged to rethink this situation, and to revise the regulations to eliminate BPL as being counterproductive and catering to a special interest group, where the downsides are extreme.

Sincerely,

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