

The potential harm to the Amateur Service from interference due to the proposed BPL system is very grave. Initial tests have been done in test areas and the signals being emitted by the BPL system renders the amateur bands unusable. In times of emergency, the signals are not always the strong signals everyone maybe accustomed to. The interference seen thus far will bury those weaker HF signals and create problems when the time comes for emergency operation. Far too many times has the amateur service been called upon and proven its worth in a crisis. Any encroachment upon these frequencies will only lessen the amateur's ability to contribute when the time comes.