

To whom it may concern:

As a licensed amateur radio operator and small business owner, I wanted to voice my concern over the threat of Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) becoming a reality. In short, BPL will destroy a huge frequency spectrum from 2 - 80 MHz rendering them these virtually useless.

Not only will Amateur Radio bands of 80 meters, 75 meters, 60 meters, 40 meters, meters, 20 meters, 17 meters, 15 meters, 12 meters, 10 meters, and 6 meters all be rendered virtually useless, keep in mind that many other services including U.S. Military, international shortwave broadcasters, and aviation services would also be disrupted. Regardless of the utility lobby claims that BPL current tests are Part 15 compliant, the reality is that it is the farthest thing from the truth. See an actual segment of video of what BPL does to the radio spectrum at: arrl.org

Additionally, a segment of my business involves the sale of radio equipment. The introduction of BPL would render thousands of dollars of my inventory worthless. Multiply this result over many thousands of small businesses around the country and the result will be devastating economically to our nation.

On a last note, amateurs and amateur organizations such as ARES and RACES, do a tremendous amount of work for our Homeland Security and emergency operations. We provided vital communications for local authorities during the World Trade Center attacks as just one example. BPL would wreak havoc during emergencies and result in unnecessary death and risk to our security.

PLEASE VOTE AN ADAMANT NO TOWARDS BPL, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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