

As a licensed amateur radio operator for over 15 years, I was shocked to see the video of the ARRL Testing BPL Trial Areas dated July 27-30, 2003. The video clearly shows that interference from BPL renders amateur communications on the HF bands nearly impossible. If Broadband Internet over Power Lines is implemented as requested, it is obvious to me that amateur radio on the HF frequencies is essentially dead. The spectrum pollution from BPL is simply unacceptable. As an amateur radio operator, I will probably have to cease operations on these frequencies which means long-range public service communications during emergencies may eventually come to an end.

I realize that BPL is considered a cost effective way to offer high speed Internet to many users that do not have it. However, it should be understood by the FCC that it would come with a high price tag to amateur communications; the disruption and eventual demise of amateur radio communications on HF frequencies. Although the technology seems appealing and attractive to many citizens, it is not compatible with the existing communications on HF frequencies.