

After reviewing some of the research presented by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) demonstrating the interference to the amateur HF radio bands, I am quite concerned that the proposed Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) will render HF voice and data modes unusable.

I am the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator for the Connecticut Section. We in ARES rely heavily on HF communications for regional and wide area emergency services. Without reliable, clear HF frequencies, our ability to respond in times of emergency will be severely hampered.

While BPL may offer some commercial expansion for broadband service, existing technologies already exist that can offer similar service. Amateur Radio has no other alternative to the HF radio bands that will provide the same service.

I respectfully request that the Commission carefully weigh the benefits of BPL against the possible destruction of the amateur HF bands.

Thank You

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