

I would like to express my strongest opposition to the proposal to implement Broadband over Powerline, BPL. After studying reports of observations made at sites testing BPL technology I am convinced that the signals radiated by the power lines will effectively end my participation in the hobby of Amateur Radio, which I have enjoyed so much for more than 51 years. Now retired, I have moved to a rural location which has a very low RF noise level. Since moving here 12 years ago I have had only one major interruption to my on-air activities. A faulty power line component made reception impossible on the low HF ham bands. My power provider responded quickly and, although it took several weeks for them to locate the fault, they corrected it to my great relief. In the case of interference from BPL, there would be no relief. I also fear that my transmissions would interfere with my neighbors' computer equipment and the fact that they operate under Part 15, and I have priority as a licensed service, it would not help their feelings towards me. In addition, I believe BPL is likely to interfere with government services and with emergency communications. When these and the many other problems associated with BPL are considered I believe you have no choice but to disapprove its implementation.