

Though I have been active in amateur radio for only a year, I have worked and passed all license classes and am now an extra class operator. This should entitle me to an opinion on this BPL proposal.

I am shocked and dismayed that the FCC is seriously considering "access BPL". Surely it must be obvious that such a system will (not might) produce massive RF interference throughout the neighborhood of installation. Tests conducted by ARRL clearly show total elimination of possible communication on any of the popular frequency bands in those regions where BPL is currently being tested.

This same power utility industry that successfully blocked an amateur radio (ARRL) request to operate in the 136kHz at only 2 Watts EIRP because of alleged interference to PLC power-grid control systems, is now claiming that 10,000 Watts EIRP will not be a problem for BPL. This is not only illogical, it is stupid. The power lines proposed for BPL use are very effective antennas in the HF and VHF bands.

Please consider the motivation of the BPL proponents - this could be a very big moneymaker for them until competitive pressure levels the field, but you, the FCC, will have to sacrifice amateur radio as it exists today to do this. Don't do it!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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