

I strongly oppose allowing power companies to transmit Internet information over power lines, otherwise known as BPL. Studies here in the United States by the ARRL, and studies in Japan and Europe demonstrate that BPL causes an unacceptable level of interference to radio receivers across a broad swath of the radio frequencies. Because of this, allowing BPL to go forward would seriously damage our countries abilities to respond to a communications emergency. As recently demonstrated by the power outage on the East Coast and Canada, we need precisely the frequencies that BPL would disrupt to communicate in emergencies. Trading our nation's security for the supposed commercial benefits of BPL is not a bargain that Americans should be forced to make.