

The proposal regarding power companies and BPL would do irreparable harm to amateur radio. It would effectively wipe out signals in the HF spectrum allocated not only to amateurs but many other services, including many military frequencies, as well. The state of repair of most electrical power lines is already a problem for amateurs, people with electronic door openers etc. Faulty, aging transformers create quite a problem for all electronic equipment, not just ham radio. I urge you to consider further testing, participated in by the American Radio Relay League, before any decision. I urge the FCC to deny this commercial venture which would disrupt HF communications and seriously impair the ability of amateur radio operators to volunteer and assist such agencies as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, the military and local government in times of crisis or emergency.