

As a professional in the field of emergency management (I hold the Certified Emergency Manager professional certification from the International Association of Emergency Managers) I understand the need for emergency communications backup when primary systems are down. Amateur radio provides a tested and validated capability using weak-signal HF radio technology. BPL represents a potentially devastating source of generalized interference to HF weak-signal communications that will not be fully evident until it is deployed. Initial testing has shown this to be the case. I strongly recommend the Commission defer the adoption of this technology until more thorough testing of its effects can be undertaken.

Sincerely,

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