

Writing to express my opposition to proposed Broadband over Power Line (BPL) deployment. Studies I have seen indicate that interference from BPL will render large portions of the HF band allocated to Amateur Radio useless. I must emphasize that I am not opposed to power utilities competing in the broadband internet delivery market; I am opposed to the resultant transmissions from their wire infrastructure.

I am dismayed that the FCC would allow utility lines to essentially become unlicensed transmitters, broadcasting in the HF band. HF has long been prized by the Amateur radio operators for its ability to communicate over long distances with relatively low power. This ability is especially useful in a disaster scenario where power may not be plentiful, and where antenna availability may be a simple J-pole wire tossed over a tree. Having BPL anywhere in the vicinity of an HF receiver renders operation on HF frequencies impossible.

Cable TV operators and Telephone services carriers are not allowed to broadcast with such power in the HF band, so why should power utility operators be allowed to?

Thank you for your time.

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