

I fully support the Comment submitted by the American Radio Relay League reference Docket ET 03-104. The BPL risks losing our large, well trained and skilled Amateur Radio Operator force as a result of the HF bands becoming useless to us due to interference from BPL.

We were ready, available and were used during 911. Also during the recent Power Black Out. Our contributions are greatly understated in the news media. We have our own equipment and are eager to assist in radio and data communications in any emergency. Time and time again, the normal communications channels are overwhelmed in a crisis situation, and we are there to plug the gap. I submit that the monies required to replace our services would cost the government (read taxpayers) millions of dollars. Perhaps even more, considering we are pre-positioned in all areas of the United States.