

I am in complete agreement with the comment submitted by The American Radio Relay League concerning Docket ET 03-104. In my view, the comments made by Broadband over Power Line (BPL) proponents have little if any viable scientific data to support approval of this docket at this time. Without a doubt, additional BPL research and testing is necessary in order to guarantee that this technology will not cause irreparable interference to services licensed to operate in the 2 MHz - 80 MHz frequency range. Approval of ET 03-104 would violate the existing FCC rules on non-interference and would be contrary to the best interest of the general public and, in particular, licensed amateur radio operators, who are first responders in both natural and man-made disasters. Amateur radio operators are poised to respond immediately on 2 MHz - 80 MHz frequencies when all other systems of communications fail. Refer to the website below for a very recent example of amateur radio's invaluable voluntary disaster relief services during the recent massive power blackout in the northeastern United States.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/08/15/103/?nc=1>

BPL may cripple or even wipe out amateur radio's disaster relief capabilities.