

As I understand it, the Broadband over Power Line (BPL) proposal by the electric power companies is an attempt to have the FCC relax the present power line radiation limits. Yet, in the same breath, the electric power companies have stated that BPL already is within those limits. If so, then why do they want the limits relaxed?

I have watched the ARRL video of the mobile test that W1RFI made in late July of the four areas where BPL is being tested and I was appalled by the level and type of interference that BPL causes in the HF spectrum (even though W1RFI said that the radiation was within the FCC limits). The ARRL news story and the downloadable video are available at <http://www.remote.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/08/08/2/?nc=1>

BPL sweeps the range of 2 to 80MHz, so if you operate on 80 thru 6 meters. This will also have a drastic affect on the Radio Control hobby that operates in the 72-75 MHZ part of the band.

and BPL goes nationwide, it'll wipe you out. You also might have to stand the wrath of neighbors who connect to the Internet via BPL if you interfere with it.

I am really appalled that FCC would even think of letting the power Companies run BPL since it violates every QRM ruel in the book.

Please reconsider so hams can continue not only the hobby but emergency communications when needed.

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