

As an amateur radio operator, licensed nearly 40 years ago, I would like to register my opposition to the BPL docket. There are already numerous problems with the power lines, and one must simply turn on any piece of radio receiving equipment to hear hisses, archs, dirty insulators and loose grounds. This chorale is available day or night from any direction. To say that BPL would not exacerbate this already serious problem is self delusion. Studies on this subject indicate that adoption of this docket will result in a virtual death knell to high frequency amateur communications, possibly as high as 50 Mhz. BPL would be on unshielded, unmonitored, uncontrolled lines and will destroy ham radio as we know it. I urge a quick and total defeat of this initiative.

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