

As an Amateur Radio Operator, Short Wave Listener and tax-paying citizen I greatly oppose the pending Broadband over Power Line (BPL) ruling. Volunteering for the ARES and RACES programs in my county I know the value of getting important emergency traffic through in times of natural or man-made disasters. The BPL that is now presently being tested has proven to cause noise and interference from 50 MHz on down. This would greatly limit and interfere with our ability to respond during hurricanes, tornados, floods, etc. or terrorist attacks. As has been shown in the last few years Amateur Radio is still and will continue to be a needed resource for Emergency Managers during times of upheaval. Therefore I ask, Is not DSL, ISDN, cable modems, dial-up and T-1's, etc. enough? Does America truly need ANOTHER high-speed internet link? Thank you.

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