

As an amateur radio operator, I am very concerned about the possible use of BPL. Sufficient studies have not been conducted as to the possible interference and effects on current radio frequency allocations. Amateur radio operations has time and time again proven it's effectiveness in time of local and national crisis, providing a critical communications service. Such events as 9-11 or the recent blackout on the East coast proves the value of experienced amateur radio operators, always willing to pitch in when needed. We are always vigilant in ensuring, while enjoying our chosen hobby, that we do not interfere with other communications, and take the necessary steps to correct any deficiencies. The communications and technological advances of recent years may make the amateur look like a dinosaur in the 21st century, but it is the amateur community that is first to step up to the plate and offer to help, relying on years of experience in communications, volunteering time and personally owned equipment for the assistance of those in need, regardless of who they are or where they live. BPL, if allowed, will further erode the effectiveness of communications and reducing further the numbers experienced operators, by people who see the hobby no longer as fun and reducing the people who may become interested in amateur radio.

Amateur radio operators have ALWAYS been here for this country, ready to go the extra mile, help when they are needed, and ask for nothing in return. It is time for our country to be here for us! Turn your backs on the amateur radio community today, and who will be there when you come crying for help tomorrow??

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