

Members of the Commission:

This comment is in rebuttal to comments made by those proposing approval BPL. Specifically rebuttal of their claims regarding non-interference to other spectrum users.

This technology has now been observed by actual amateur operators - see:

http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6514682097

This amateur drove to one of the test areas specifically to hear the interference - and there was plenty to hear.

Also listen to the tests performed by Ed Hare of the the ARRL on the ARRL web site.

I find it very ironic that at the exact same time the FCC is issuing letters to the power companies to clean up their unintentional radiators (1) you are also entertaining proposals for BPL technology - which will produce *much* worse levels of interference.

Where do you stand? Are you the group cheerleading for great quantities spectrum pollution or are you performing the expected role of prohibiting one spectrum user from interfering with the services of another? The Commission speaks from both sides of its mouth.

In addition, as recent events have shown with extreme clarity, the power companies are not currently capable of keeping the power grid up and running. It appears to this user that the appropriate place for the power companies to expend their resources is *not* on new spectrum-polluting technology, but rather they should concentrate on getting - and keeping - the grid working properly.

Yours Truly,

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1. See W. Riley Hollingsworth, Special Counsel, Enforcement Bureau, FCC to Mayor Al Netto, Gouverneur, NY dated July 16, 2003.

Also Mr. Hollingsworth to Mr. Peter Burg, CEO, FirstEnergy Corporation, Akron, OH dated July 11, 2003. And again Mr. Hollingsworth to Mr. Burg dated July 10.

In addition see also Mr Hollingsworth to Mr. E. Linn Draper, Chairman, American Electric Power Company, Columbus, OH dated July 7, 2003.

There are numerous of these letters. The above mentioned examples cover only about 10 days. These four examples are but a few of the problems of unintentional radiation by power companies.