

I am an amateur radio licensee, general class. I am unable to commit very much time to the amateur service because of my job as a railroad switchman. I can plainly see the value of the service to this country and the world. Allowing the implementation of Broadband over Power Lines would be akin to the Federal and State authorities allowing railroads to block railroad crossings at will, without warning, for any length of time, regardless of emergency traffic, such as ambulances and fire trucks. I should not have to point out the amateur radio services record in times of emergency. We could be sacrificing more than we realize until a time of emergency, when it will become glaringly obvious. I can only hope that it's not yours or my loved ones lives which hang in the balance. At some point, you can be sure, someones life will.

Sincerely,

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