

To FCC:

We are very concerned about the spread of BPL across the US and the interference with the HF frequencies.

In light of the recent power outages across the northeastern parts of the US, it seems possible that someone utilizing BPL or PLC could have taken down part of the grid. Giving every person - "Terrorists" - the capability to control our power grids is not a good idea!

In addition, the military and other US agencies still utilize RF for their communications. The interference of BPL could also interfere with our homeland security.

As you know Amateur Radio operators have been a great service in the past (911, Oklahoma Bombing, Oklahoma tornitos, hurricane Andrew, etc). Cellphones, websites etc do not work without electric, many hams do. Do not allow big companies to interfere with the entire HF spectrium just get additional internet access to some. There are ways to get access other than BPL. When the entire system is taken down or compromised (hackers have already got access to goverment and large corperations)one of the only methods of communications will be amatuer radio. Amateur radio is still needed. The FCC has never allowed interference to the radio waves and should not start now. Once Pandora's box is opened it can never be closed.

Your truly,

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