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RE: Docket ET 03-104  
Opposition to BPL

As a licensed radio amateur since 1964 and a frequent user of the spectrum 1.8 MHz through 50 MHz, I strongly oppose Broadband over Power Line (BPL), or Power Line Carrier (PLC). Through the years I have had a number of instances of interference from power lines and transformers that have seriously reduced my ability to engage in two-way communications on the HF bands. While the utility companies eventually repaired the damage, it often took weeks and it was up to me to identify the source. The utility companies will be unable to repair the damage to the spectrum from BPL.

I have served as a member of the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) and have provided communications as a public service during numerous hurricanes and emergencies. The ability to perform such vital services will be seriously impaired with the tremendous increase in background noise caused by BPL.

For nearly forty years I have relied on the FCC to protect the public spectrum and my ability to communicate on the HF bands. I request that the FCC forbid such tremendous interference by rejecting BPL.