

To the Federal Communications Commission:

I am an amateur radio operator licensed as K0PQ, an Extra-Class amateur licensee. (I am a so-called "fast extra," having passed a 20 wpm CW code test long ago.) I'm also a college graduate (B.S.E.E, B.S. Business, and M.B.A.) from the University of Colorado and Colorado State University. I spent my 32-year working career in the Bell System as an engineer and eventual director of various network engineering, operations and planning services in Denver.

I've been a licensed ham since 1955, and have found the amateur service to be more educational and a greater source of opportunity to make friends and extend goodwill with all the "hams" I contact worldwide than any other interest I've ever pursued.

I make it a practice to rarely operate my transmitters at more than 5 or ten watts of RF final input power. I occasionally run more power with some older rigs which I've collected and restored, but those occasions are infrequent. As you know my license permits transmitting much more power than ten watts.

I choose to operate with low power, thereby minimizing potential interference to nearby TV sets or other similar vulnerable devices, which may be unable to reject nearby signals like mine, which are perfectly legal and well within the Part 97 rules. I have never received a single complaint from my suburban neighbors about any form of TVI or other interference, which my station might have caused.

In summary: I DO NOT LET MY HOBBY INTERFERE WITH OTHERS!

I URGE the Commission to NOT authorize BPL under some sort of "let-er-rip" blanket plan, without first studying, analyzing, considering, and measuring the interference potential to already-licensed services like the Amateur Service in the HF bands. To do otherwise would seem to me to simply let commercial interests fly in the face of "those pesky amateurs."

I believe the Commission has done an admirable job of regulating the Amateur Service over the 48 years that I've been licensed. To undo all of that by authorizing BPL would simply say to thousands of us amateurs in the USA that we, the Commission, think you don't matter much...our tight regulation of the Amateur Service doesn't apply to the "big kids"...with the big money.

Won't you PLEASE step away from the barrage of commercial interests at work in the BPL issue, and MEASURE and THINK about its potential disruptive impact on us amateurs?

If a non-interfering BPL plan can be devised and successfully tried, then fine. But I believe the potential interfering effects of BPL to the Amateur Service in the HF bands will essentially bring an end to the hobby of lifelong hams like me, who ask merely to be given a fair shake in the battle with commercial interests.

Thank you very much for considering my opinions.

Very Truly Yours,

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