

I am writing in support of the comment on Proceeding ET03-104 that was filed on 07/07/2003 on behalf of ARRL, the National Association for Amateur Radio. This comment was filed by Booth, Freret, Imlay & Tepper, P.C.

I fully support the referenced comment. I urge that Broadband over Power Line (BPL) technology should not be implemented as it is presently suggested. Many tests, including those by the ARRL, demonstrate that BPL has the potential to cause extreme levels of interference on HF and some VHF frequencies. Amateur Radio Operators are among the many groups of FCC licensed radio services potentially affected by this interference.

Amateur Radio Operators provide critical emergency communications over these frequencies in times of fires, floods, blackouts, natural disasters, terrorist disasters and other related emergencies. Amateur Radio Operators provide this service for free to public emergency organizations such as local fire departments and police agencies.