

ET 03-104, the FCC Notice of Inquiry on Broadband Over Power Line

I am against the use of BPL.

I am writing to recommend that the FCC not grant or implement the enablement of Broadband Over Power Line (BPL).

As an graduate electronic engineer and Amateur Radio Operator of 38 years, I have witnessed several demonstrations of the destructive affects of this and related technology on my hobby. The BPL technology cannot coexist with Amateur Radio in any form. By implementing such technology, the airwaves are polluted with noise making it impossible to communicate.

In addition, I believe the Office of Homeland Security will be strongly against this encroachment on our airwaves, having recently signed an agreement with the ARRL on 21 June 2003 to assist the OHS with National Defense communications.

It has been the charter of U. S. Amateur Radio Operators, as defined by the the FCC Communications Act of 1934 (as revised) to serve their country and mankind in times of natural and manmade disasters.

911 and the recent power outage in the Northeastern United States are among the most recent and most note worthy events when Amateur Radio Operators were instrumental in providing emergency communications for the health and welfare of everyone affected by these tragedies.

I believe that the implementation of BPL will destroy our airwaves doing incalculable damage to our hobby.

The general population of our country depends on Amateur Radio Operators for emergency communication during disasters. These affected individuals will not have a dedicated Amateur Radio Operator around the corner to turn to in times of crisis. The airwaves will be silenced by those companies who will profit from the stolen airwaves.