

I believe it is not prudent to add the burden of maintaining broadband communications to the already overtaxed electric power distribution system. Transmission and distribution companies should invest capital to improve the reliability of their system for supply of electric power. Investment to support broadband would divert funds away from reliable delivery of electric power, which must be the primary if not only focus of electric utilities. Has the FCC considered the potential that optimization of the power distribution network to delivery reliable electric power and optimization for reliable broadband service are in fact not compatible? Since there are cost effective alternatives for broadband already in place (telephone, wireless and cable systems), it seems unnecessary to dilute the mission of electric distribution utilities by adding broadband to their scope of service.

Respectfully,

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