

I respectfully ask that Broadband Over Power Line (BPL; docket 03-104) NOT be implemented at this time due to the potential for RF signals on power lines (a) to increase the ambient noise level in the frequencies assigned to the Amateur Radio Service or even (b) to interfere with amateur radio communications.

Such disturbances or interference could frustrate the ability of the Amateur Radio Service to train for and to be as effective as possible in meeting the emergency communications needs of the communities it serves. The value of the Amateur Radio Service has been proven over the decades and reaffirmed in hurricane Isabel and other recent disasters and tragedies.

This potential for increasing the noise level or interfering with amateur radio operations has not been properly studied and no conclusive findings are available. A study should be designed and conducted with the full participation of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and the amateur community.

Until then, BPL should not be implemented.

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