

I have read some of the articles about BPL, and while the idea is good, and useful in some cases, I have serious questions about the impact this will have on radio signals and especially for ham operators. There must be a limit on the distance the em field can radiate from the power lines. Specifically, the impact to ham operation should be considered strongly. Ham operators help with communication during communication blackouts (ie: 9/11 and the recent power outage in the northeast) and help coordinate emergency personnel. These are also the same people that chase tornados in the midwest, and give important weather information to the weather service. Anything that impacts these operators should be considered carefully.