

Commissioners:

My electric utility company has just notified me of a 5.7 % rate increase for five-year capital improvement. It is because of an "aging infrastructure," the same aging infrastructure that is slated to support access BPL.

Who is going to pay for the added upkeep/service? If my increase is as I think it is, a stitch in time to save nine, and if BPL will divert resources needed to maintain the infrastructure, then I may have to end up paying for those nine stitches somewhere down the line.

My suggestion is to wait until our whole power line infrastructure is up to snuff before adding access BPL to it. Or better yet, have the broadband/internet providers string their own (coaxial) cables and pay for their share of the poles without interfering with my increasingly dear electric service.

Respectfully Submitted,
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