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SUBJECT: Broadband Over Powerline carrier technology (BPL), per  
Notice of Inquiry, ET Docket 03-104, 23 May 2003.

Reading of the FCC's enthusiastic intentions for this technology has rocked my head! First of all, ARRL testing has shown an interference to ordinary HF (3 to 30MHz) communications of an s-6 to s-9 signal strength. I regularly listen to stations with a signal strength of s-3, which means I will never be able to hear those stations again.

Now: the BPL devices work over a spectrum of from 2 MHz to 80 MHz, effectively blanking out the entire HF spectrum and into the low-band TV spectrum. What this tells me is that all commercial shortwave broadcasting from the world over, as well as Amateur Radio communication will also be blanked out or severely impaired. If you remember our recent power outage of the northern central states & Ontario Province, it came as a shock to many people that their phone cells were not working after battery power of the cells were exhausted.. Hams working from frequencies above HF would have to use VHF & UHF repeaters (privately owned) which are also subject to power outages.

Additionally, if all communications in this country were thru cable and its agents, one can easily conjure an Orwellian "1984" type of scenario without free access to the airwaves; thus crimping our freedom of information, with freedom of (responsible) speech overtones. Our Maritime shore stations will also be affected (incoming messages). Satellites cost a great deal of public money and there is plenty of Maritime data transmission on the HF bands.

The President of the United States says this technology will create new jobs; I disagree, believing this will just cause a shifting of jobs.

I oppose BPL, as it cuts off free access to information from other countries of the world and severely limits the Amateur Radio community from performing its Federally mandated emergency communications mission. Since to my knowledge this letter is written past the comment deadline, I request this objection to be placed with your Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on this subject.

*PS I'll support broadbanding R.F. over shielded cable.*

Sincerely,  
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