

I have seen and heard the interference that the existing BPL test areas cause to amateur radio equipment. I understand that application has also been made to expand BPL to +70db higher power levels than are currently being used in the tests.

I can only think that BPL as presently implemented will be an incredible disaster, effectively wiping out amateur radio over large areas because the powerlines will (as have already been documented) broadcast tremendous amounts of interference. And conversely, even a weak amateur radio transmission can (as has already been documented) knock a number of BPL users off their network as well.

The basic concept has merit, but the existing technology and implementation are a disaster beyond any question of acceptance. The tests have already proven this, and it is time to shut down the tests--and to shut down BPL as presently conceived.

How the FCC got hornswaggled into allowing this at all absolutely astounds me. In black and white, it has already been proven to be a complete disaster for all parties.