

As an electrical engineer I'm horrified by the prospect of every power line becoming an unregulated radiator of RF energy. Broadband over power lines is simply a dumb idea and is a technology we don't need. We already have DSL and Cable. And, if we're going to use precious RF spectrum for broadband, let's develop modern wireless services, not use the ageing power infrastructure for a purpose for which it was never designed.

A logical alternative would be UWB (ultra wide band) services. These would raise the RF noise floor just as BPL would, but in a controlled manner, and with the benefit of high bandwidth wireless internet access.