

I have trouble now hearing my AM radio in the car driving anywhere in Virginia, in particular Richmond and New Port News because of the lack of maintenance on the power lines as they are now. I can only imagine what BPL will do for my radio. As a Ham Operator I also have other concerns. Wish you would work with FERC to finally get something done to improve the noise already on the lines. Their move toward deregulation has taken funding away from the distribution companies so they have stopped maintenance, tree trimming, etc. until a disaster like the past hurricane allows them to replace lines and recover the expense from the rate payers at a higher than normal return. Why makes an already sorry system worse? Seems that this is really letting the fox in the hen house! Just like FERC, you are working in the blind and have not driven around enough to determine if things are working like you are being told. Having lived in four different states and traveled in most others, the state of the power distribution grid is in trouble now. Now we are going to take the focus away from doing one job well, HAHA, so several can be done poorly. Good move!