

I am submitting my comments as the Oregon Section ARES/RACES District 1 Emergency Coordinator. We have thousands of Amateur Radio operators both in my district and throughout the State who are currently trained as emergency communicators in support of the community, and now for homeland security. Title 47, Sub 97.1 (a) clearly states that emergency communication is a primary purpose for Amateur Radio. ARES/RACES members take pride in being able to provide emergency communications, either supplemental or as a complete replacement, to government agencies and the community during emergencies and disasters.

I request that the FCC NOT APPROVE the current consideration of implementing BPL until further testing can be done regarding RF interference and we can be sure the BPL will not interfere with ARES frequencies, and visa versa.

Austria has banned BPL until better technology is found because their entire Amateur Radio communications abilities were wiped out during a national emergency drill. We cannot afford the same effect here in the United States, locally, regionally, and/or nationally.

BPL needs further technical study and testing before it is implemented. Who knows how many frequencies it will potentially disrupt beyond the Amateur Radio frequencies? Public safety? Radio and television? NASA communications?

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.