

First licensed as an amateur radio operator in 1961, I have spent a lifetime with a vested interest in electronics and communications technology, both as a hobby and a vocation. Today, I hold an amateur Extra Class license and a General Radiotelephone license having been grandfathered after holding a First Class Commercial license. I have watched and marveled as broadband Internet service has evolved with telephone companies, cable television and satellite DBS services as they developed broadband data capabilities allowing high speed Internet access for consumers throughout the US. At first glance, BPL (Broadband over Power Lines) seems like an excellent addition to the mix. Competition has many advantages, not the least of which is pricing that remains favorable to the average consumer. However, I am extremely upset to see an overwhelming body of evidence that suggests that BPL will cause an incredible amount of interference to licensed radio services. This RFI has been shown to be absolutely intolerable to the amateur service in BPL test areas. I urge the commissioners to reject any and all BPL license requests from power distribution companies as this interference is unacceptable.