

I am Amateur Radio operator, K3DNE. I rely on a non-interference HF radio spectrum to pursue my amateur radio hobby and to provide public service associated with my hobby (as an example; I provided, via my amateur radio station, the initial information and request for emergency services associated with the devastating tornado in Gamber, MD on July 19, 1996 when telephone communications had been interrupted).

I oppose the proposed rule changes regarding Part 15 relating to Broadband over Power Line devices (BPL). The radio spectrum is a national resource and should be protected from the pollution which BPL will inevitably cause. Once lost, the present low ambient high frequency RF background can never be regained. The burden should not be shifted to a user to locate, report and demand locale-specific reductions in interference from the BPL operator. HF signal levels presently allowed under Part 15, and generally transmitted for short periods, are not adequate to protect against BPL emissions which occur on a 24/7 basis. There is no compelling public need to add another broadband system which has such negative side effects for short-wave broadcast listeners as well as amateur radio operators and other licensed users of the high frequency spectrum. I oppose all BPL operations, but at the very least the maximum RF emissions by BPL operators should be greatly reduced below present Part 15 permissible levels.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.