

Being active in amateur radio involved with HF radio communications, and being a retired communications specialist with FBI and DEA, I can attest to the fact that the equipment in use by federal agencies will not be able to discriminate against the digital noise generated from power lines. Most of these hf radio equipments don't even have noise blanker circuits. In my case, I am already inundated with high levels of power line noise which the local utility cannot seem to fix - an ongoing problem for the past 15 years - and in addition to that, nearby businesses have digital pinball and other game machines which, if similar to the noise I have heard on the internet generated by BPL systems, will made all forms of radio communications unusable at this location. I have no confidence that the utility can prevent any sort of BPL interference to the uninitiated consumer which will inturn cause difficulties for ligitimate, licensed users of the spectrum. After hearing the tapes of BPL interference in Japan, Europe and test locations in the U.S., I firmly believe these systems as proposed, will be a safety hazard to human life and property due to failed communications systems for emergency services, FAA control towers, aircraft and others.

Respectfully submitted,  
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