

Broadband over Powerline is needed in my community for two reasons. First, my cable company has a broadband monopoly. DSL is not available in our neighborhood. As a result of this monopoly (they are the only broadband game in town) I am paying \$49.95 per month plus a \$5.00 modem rental. Of course, they also have me by the "you know whats" with cable TV. This is outrageous.... I pay \$100/month for basic cable (no premium channels) and broadband internet....all to the same monopoly. We need BPL for competition and economics. The fact that it could go to rural areas is terrific. Reason #2: I lead a team of 12 professional salesmen in an agricultural field. Most of us live in the rural area. Half of my team is on very slow dial-up internet connections. It is nearly impossible to conduct business over their internet connection. No images, no large files etc. Everything is extremely slow and so cost inefficient. Currently, the only broadband option for these guys is satelite at approximately \$700 (initial cost for install and equipment) and then \$60/month (Starband). So BPL would be HUGE for me personally and also as a business manager. Please allow BPL to be rolled out in Illinois and across the country. Productivity gains for those of us in rural areas would be so significant. I can't stress it enough. Thank you!!