

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
)
Amendment of Part 15 regarding)
new requirements and measurement) ET Docket No. 04-37
guidelines for Access Broadband)
over Power Line Systems)

To: The Commission

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An avid ham (amateur) radio operator and telecommunications professional, I offer comments on the proposed NPRM 04-29 regarding Amendment of Part 15 regarding new requirements and measurement guidelines for Access Broadband over Power Line Systems.

In response to inquiry about Access BPL systems notification requirement:

By ensuring that each Access BPL transmission includes a mandatory non-removable unique identifier code so that receiving stations can quickly and efficiently pinpoint and contact the offending service provider/utility contact person when an interfering signal is heard (even in a far-away state in preparation for solar cycle induced band openings) we can try to co-exist.

The publicly accessible Access BPL contact database proposed as a

solution needs to be efficient, user-friendly, specific, and precise such that when a ham or short-wave listener hears an offending signal, the offending signal contains some clear and readily identifiable (perhaps morse code) identifier or call sign which can be efficiently cross-referenced in the database to the name and telephone number of the Access BPL service provider's interference mitigation service desk.

In addition, it would be necessary to ensure that Access BPL service providers who fail to answer incoming trouble calls or who ignore or are unresponsive to trouble reports can be reported to an FCC avenue open for ensuring that the major interference mitigation burden is not shifted to the licensed operators (hams).

Respectfully submitted,

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