

I have studied the NPRM regarding BPL and while I think it is a good start I (as an active amature radio operator) would like to see a little more stringent rule regarding interference mitigation. Since radio operations of all types happen 24/7 there must be a means of shutting down interfering units on a 24/7 basis. The BPL operators (or potential operators) need to understand that, and there must be a course of action should they not adhere to the rule. While I do not believe that BPL deployment will cause widespread destruction (as others do) I do think the potential is there. Other countries such as Japan have looked at BPL and made the decision not to allow it. Was any of that considered by the Commission? I think the future, especially for the rural areas lies in wireless technologies, many of which are already being deployed in places like Mcdonalds, book stores, cafes, etc. Canada is deploying a wide spread wireless system which will cause no interference to HF / VHF communications. Advancing the telephone based DSL is also a viable option in my oppinion. Do rural homes not have telephones? While there may be some that do not, I submit that if the person can not afford telephone service, would they have a computer in need of highspeed internet?? Again, a little more substance to the inteference causing sections of the NPRM would go a long way. In the end, the market place may decide that all the shouting and studying was for naught. Cable modems service in Chicago is roughtly \$60/month. Dial up and DSL about half that. If BPL can't come in at less that DSL I don't see the point.