

As a broadcast shortwave listener, I strongly object to any proposed relaxation of non-interference standards in order to provide BPL services. There are many other means of delivering high-speed internet access that do not interfere with the ability to receive shortwave broadcasts. A significant number of listeners would be disenfranchised by the degradation of the shortwave broadcast spectrum, and the public good of open access to broadcasts from around the world (which contributes to a better-informed citizenry) would be damaged. Despite the claims made in the docket filing, BPL has the potential to cause weaker signals to disappear entirely. Comments filed by persons more technically experienced than I confirm this. I urge the FCC to strengthen the non-interference regulations with regard to the broadcast spectrum.