

I want to comment on docket (03-104)

Amateurs are important we provide communications during disasters and 9/11 is one such disaster where hams provided communications for police, fire and sent messages to relatives families health and welfare was sent by amateurs during the national disaster and we also do storm spotting. Hams were there countless hours communicating for the people of New York and the law enforcement and we provide the national weather service with information on storms and we can see where the radar cannot.

I know that BPL is already in use in some areas but I believe that it needs to be regulated meaning to be able to coexist with BPL.

I know power companies stand to gain money from this BPL and that is ok but at the same time they need to also need to adhere to some guidelines. Power companies want to pollute the radio spectrum with a 60 hertz alternating current and the frequencies in the HF bands will be affected by this with unshielded cable that is not for that purpose thus we would not be able to provide communications during disasters and BPL is a detriment to Amateur radio in general. It would virtually shut down communications on the HF bands and the frequencies in question are public safety, radio amateurs, military, and they have tried to notch certain frequencies but not much success. Therefore hams would not be able to provide public service communications for public service agencies. I believe amateur radio is a vital resource for the public service community. With the terrorist attacks we need hams now more than ever.