

In the past, the FCC has stood behind the radio amateur. As technology has evolved, so has the radio amateur. Now that new technology poses a threat to the amateur bands, it is my opinion that the FCC should be backing the amateur and not the proponents of Broadband over Power Line (BPL).

BPL apparently has its advantages over other high-speed Internet services due to its ability to be provided in areas not served by other broadband services. However, if the demonstrations I have seen of BPL are in any way representative of what it would do if launched on a national basis, I am against the allowance of BPL.

However, if BPL can be deployed without interference to the amateur bands, then I have complaint against the launch of the new technology.

As a licensed radio amateur for 19 years, and as a long-time communications technician, I can speak for the rest of the amateur community when I say that BPL as it stands now is indeed an incredible threat to our HF bands.