

Re: BPL

The government is the custodian of the airwaves; it does neither own nor have any proprietary rights to them. It acts on behalf of the people, from whom it derives its power by the voluntary granting of that power. It is acting in an arrogant manner of usurping that power as it applies to the airwaves in the proposed granting of BPL power to special interests. The ramifications of this action will come back to haunt us, as we citizens pay the price for governmental stupidity. Eg: Iraq.

Additionally, as a ham radio operator for over 50 years, the government could not afford to train or teach me what I have learned over those years. In the event of disaster, such as 9/11/01, hundreds of thousands of people like me are on the ready to put into use the skills, talents, training, experience, and, yes, patriotism that we have learned on our own, and to put into use the equipment that we have purchased on our own, for the good of all. You are creating a situation whereby the BPL providers, who charge money to us, will make a profit at the expense of the use of the airwaves. If a vacuum cleaner, motor, or other gadget tears up the airwaves, what do you expect is going to happen from all of the miles and miles of unshielded antennae carrying BPL signals all over the land?

Left to it's own devices, the government initially "restricted" amateur operation to those frequencies "below 200 meters." It was the hams who showed the government that those frequencies were the only ones capable of allowing signals to travel around the world. Therefore, we know from past experience how inept the government can be in making such decisions, and yet, you arrogantly keep plowing along.

Stop, think, reason, and act responsibly for a change; stop selling our country to the special interests.

"The road to Hell is paved with good intentions."

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