

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Carl LeMay and I am an amateur radio operator "K4YI" here in Tampa Florida. I have been training in different fields of amateur radio since receiving my license in late 1999.

The purpose of our training is to be able to provide emergency communications in time of trouble, natural disaster such as tornado, hurricanes, earthquakes and as in the case of 9-11 terrorist attack where normal means of communication such as cell phone, land line, and other similar types of communication would be non-existent or at the very least poor. Our service to the public providing these emergency communications has been well documented with the more recent events like hurricane Andrew, National forest wildfires, Search and rescue, and 911.

A very critical part of our work provides communication between different agencies, Police, Fire, EMS, and other agencies to more efficiently provide the link that does not normally exist at close range.

Utilizing HF (High Frequency) communications is the subject of my comment here. Using the High frequencies allows amateur radio to provide Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) auxiliary emergency communications during times of need for military personnel located throughout the world including Japan, Korea, the Trust Territories, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Central America, Alaska, Germany, Africa, and the continental United States. Then there is the Maritime mobile service nets on the 20-meter band that has assisted in providing the critical communications link on the high seas rescues of many a vessel in distress. These are just a few examples of what we are able to provide with amateur radio.

Permitting Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) and the pollution it will cause would make the high frequency portion of the radio spectrum virtually useless and defeat the ability of radio amateurs to provide long distance emergency communications and I respectfully request that BPL in any form should not be permitted in the boundaries of the United States.

Thank you for taking the time and allowing me a chance to share my concerns about Broadband over Power lines and the pollution this will cause.

Respectfully yours,

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