

I wish to register my strongest opposition to the proposal to provide broadband internet access via power lines. As an amateur radio operator, I am concerned that BPL broadband internet service will severely impact my amateur radio station location. Where the BPL signal strength is stronger than the signal of stations I am communicating with, I will lose contact with those stations. If I am operating mobile or portable, I may cause allowable interference under Part 15 rules to users of BPL but I will be the one who will be blamed for the interference because I will be the one seen operating. Those affected, rather than complain to the service providers, will complain to and about my legal operation and I will be the one asked to cease the interference. This is contrary to the rules. If the BPL service is initiated, the offending signal will also be within the walls of my own home even though I will not use the service. Regardless, the BPL signal will become intrusive and may make my radio operation unusable. The use of fiber optics or other means that don't radiate a field that could cause interference to primary radio users is more far practical and would result in a more useable service for future subscribers. In addition granting BPL would eliminate the reason for providers (other than power companies) to enter the market. You will be granting power providers yet another monopoly. Based on the foregoing, I am opposed to the allowance of BPL for broadband Internet service.

Sincerely,
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