

I am an Extra class licensed amateur radio operator, and for over 25 years involved in public service activities such as MARS [Military Affiliate Radio System], RACES [FEMA-sponsored Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service], National Traffic System, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and the local American Red Cross. I also provide a voice radio repeater in the county for emergency and general amateur use.

When I read of the beginning of the test of BPL in the village, I used my personal HF radio in my station wagon to do a sampling of frequencies on March 30, 2004. My findings showed that BPL interference was so severe across the 17M to 10M and up to about 33Mhz, in the installation area that I was unable to hear/communicate with stations that were easily heard coming into town. On 80M, 40M, 30M and 20M there was sporadic signals of BPL-type, but to a lesser degree.

I am most concerned about the interference that the installation of BPL in the Village of Penn Yan can have upon my ability to carry out my responsibilities in these activities. If DVI, the local company doing the BPL testing, can notch out the amateur bands or move to other frequencies, as an amateur, I'd be satisfied. However, that just means that the interference would be moved up to interfere with SWL operators, and possibly the low public service bands.

My secondary concern is that DVI customers should be given prior notice that DVI, not the radio amateurs, have the responsibility to resolve any interference amateur radio operations appear to cause to the customers.

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