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The time has come for the FCC to do what is in the true public interest and not the interests of a few with deep pockets. I refer to the Access BPL proposal. The interference with other services that BPL will create is not justifiable. Access BPL is a bad technology that might enrich a few at the expense of many. The many include the Amateur radio service that is the backbone for emergency communications. I remind you of September 11th in New York, for the first hours the only working communications were supplied by the Amateur radio service. Aeronautical mobile services, marine mobile services will also likely suffer. I spend most of my working life flying airplanes over the oceans, relying on high frequency radio contact with land bases stations. High frequency radio provided vital communications for air traffic control and critical operational communications, consultations with medical facilities when dealing with life threatening situations with my passengers and crew. There are tens of thousands of other users of the 1.7 - 80.0 MHz spectrum that will suffer if BPL is implemented. Radio astronomy, public service radio, state and local government emergency radio systems, the list of users would fill volumes.... so many will loose just to enrich a few.

The availability of superior systems and the damage that BPL will cause makes me wonder how did BPL ever get this far, what is the FCC doing here? Available now are cable TV, DSL, and many wireless systems at very low cost. BPL is touted as the savior for the little people in the rural country areas, baloney, BPL is not going to be deployed in thin markets unless it is subsidized, the economics just aren't there.

Do the right thing and put an end to BPL, it is a dumb idea the will create a great deal of harm with little if any real benefit. The very least you should do is let the NTIA finish it's work before proceeding with BPL implementation and also not weaken part 15 requirements as is proposed.

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