

My comment is concerning the proposed use of BPL (Broadband over Power Lines) which the amateur radio community believes would cause potentially detrimental interference to several of the bands now used in the amateur service. However, anyone, not just amateur operators, depending on emergency radio communication should be concerned about the proposed implementation of BPL technology. If the ability to communicate effectively in an emergency is hampered by BPL it could possibly result in greater destruction and loss of life than what would be experienced without this interference. With concerns abounding about homeland security, now is not the time to hamper a mode of communication that has proven so effective and helpful in the past. Rather, this should be the time to strengthen and support efforts of amateur radio. Various emergency agencies that depend on radio communication, such as law enforcement and fire/rescue departments should also be concerned over the possible use of BPL. I feel certain it is not the goal of the commission to deliberately cause an adverse affect to these modes of communication, but I am afraid that is what will happen if BPL is deployed as widely as some would apparently like it to be. I hope you give priority to the necessity of effective emergency communciation over the possible benefits that this new technology might provide. Thank you.