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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, #8B201
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Dear Chairman Powell:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence sent to me by Mr. Gary Nations.

I would appreciate your providing me with a response to Mr. Nations' letter regarding Broad Band Over Power Line proceeding and amateur radio operators.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


THAD COCHRAN
United States Senator

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I02= My name is Gary Nations and I am one of your supporters in Natchez. I would like to bring something to your attention that is being proposed that will more than likely have adverse effects on this country's radio communications. The proposed technology Broad Band Over Power Line or BPL looks good on the surface but from what I see, a big problem is being ignored or "sugar coated". Industry insiders are pushing BPL as the greatest thing since sliced bread and those without knowledge of BPL or a good understanding of radio seem to be listening to what they say. It looked at first as if the FCC was going to dismiss the BPL proposals because of the interference to radio services but something has happened and it appears the FCC is doing an about face. Even President George W. Bush has come out recently in support of BPL. I along with many others believe the president has been seriously misinformed about BPL or he is just not being told the whole story.

Test are being done now on radio interference caused by BPL and I believe the test clearly indicate that harmful interference from BPL systems cannot be suppressed. BPL supporters are doctoring this information or are down right lying about it. The interference caused by BPL has the potential of rendering many of our radio systems including the HAM radio bands useless. I request that you oppose BPL in this country. Tests have been conducted in other countries and BPL systems were shut down because of the problems it caused. For more information you or your staff can get the entire scoop on BPL from the American Radio Relay League. Their web address is www.arrrl.org.

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