

Re: ET Docket No. 04-37, Reply of the California Amateur Radio Service (CARS)

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Federal Communications Commission is another federal agency that has outlived its usefulness to the public. A perfect example is the manner in which it is handling the broadband over power line technology proceeding. Despite credible warnings that there will probably be harmful interference to amateur radio and public service frequencies if the BPL technology is widely deployed, the FCC refuses to acknowledge the potential problem to emergency services.

The record in ET Docket 03-104 clearly shows that the BPL technology causes harmful interference to amateur and public service frequencies. In fact, several countries have banned the technology for that very reason. However, the FCC is willing to overlook this compelling information to please the power companies and the White House. The FCC claims that such action is in the public interest, but if the public were to really understand the implications of what is being done, they would not agree. The idea of exposing amateur radio and public service frequencies to harmful interference so that the power companies can profit is definitely not in the public interest.

The FCC has a duty to prevent potential problems like this, but continues to ignore warnings that deployment of the BPL technology could have serious consequences. The idea that the FCC will enact and enforce rules that will provide safeguards against such potential interference is absurd.

Sincerely,

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