

This proposal poses a grave threat to all of us who use HF radio communications, including government and public safety users. In 2003, there are multiple options for providing broadband Internet access to the vast majority of potential users with better reliability and much higher data rates than what BPL can offer. Launching BPL is a totally un-necessary risk.

Also, the FCC recently rejected a petition for an amateur allocation at 136 kHz on the basis that operation would risk interference to the electric utility companies relying on Power Line Communications (PLCs) for power grid-control signaling. Proceeding with BPL totally contradicts this recent ruling.