

I am completely and totally against ANY use of HF frequencies, especially those close to, or allocated to, amateur radio, for ANY BPL uses!!!!
The FCC may be getting a great deal of pressure from the utility companies and the business community in general, to allow them to use such frequencies for their "BPL systems".....BUT, there is NO evidence that they can co-exist with hundred of thousands of presently licensed amateur radio operators already using those frequencies for Federally Licensed and Mandated public service and emergency communications, as well as promotion of international good will, continued training and experimenting, and true advancement of the radio art!!!! (in contrast to some utility company simply wishing to find a way to increase their revenues...)

In the real world, as opposed to the "unscientific hype" propagated by the utility companies, I personally have had a GREAT DEAL of difficulty getting my local utility company to repair bad transformers and bad street lights that continue to radiate serious amounts of interference into the amateur radio hf bands, in GREAT excess of what is allowable under current FCC Rules and Regulations!!

(their current reaction is simply to ignore the problem, and I'll most probably need to file an action against them with the FCC, just to get them to fix broken equipment that is radiating RF energy in GREAT excess of the CURRENT rules!!!!)

If the FCC really thinks that any one of these proponents of BPL will abide by any rule / regulation that the FCC may place upon them, then I'd like to invite all 5 FCC commissioners down here to Florida....so that I can show them some wonderful vacation property, which we locals call "The Everglades"!!!!!!

In all seriousness, whatever rules / regulations may be imposed by the FCC, and even if a company is using BPL within those rules/regulations, there would be significant reduction in the usefulness of these frequencies for amateur radio.....which just may be the end result desired by some of these companies, etc....

BUT, please do NOT forget that The Amateur Radio Service, even in the 21st Century, provides an invaluable service to our entire nation, our people, and our government, as well as continued advancement of the basic principles/reasons for the Amateur Radio Service....not the least of which is TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL GOOD WILL!!!

In these days of international terrorism, world conflicts, war, etc. there is only ONE civilian (non-governmental) group whose primary purpose and goal is promote international good will, and that is The Amateur Radio Service.....and if the FCC should decide to allow these hf frequencies (used for international / long range communications) to be used for BPL there would be very little international good will being promoted, since there would be very little international communication possible!!!!!!

Whatever these companies may be writing in their proposals, they have NOT addressed the simple point that even low-levels of hf signals that are in close proximity (typically less than a few miles) to these amateur radio stations will have a serious affect of their communications capabilities!!! And that is NOT agruable, it is FACT!!!

In summary, I beg the FCC to reconsider this proposal.....

I am COMPLETELY and TOTALLY AGAINST any use of any amateur radio frequencies (nor any hf frequencies) for BPL uses!!!!

Sincerely,

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