

Friends –

Please add my name to the growing list of people who oppose the proposed broadband over power lines (“BPL”). Although I very much support the concept of more readily available inexpensive high speed internet access, BPL is clearly an inappropriate means of achieving this desirable end.

The problem with BPL is the noise and emissions it causes in frequencies between 2 and 80 MHz – some of the most widely used amateur radio bands. BPL has been shown to render high frequency amateur radio frequencies virtually unusable. Amateur radio operators comprise an invaluable national resource in terms of emergency communications, international good will and technological expertise and innovation. Their operations should not be frustrated by rendering their frequencies unusable through a relaxation of BPL emission standards. Japan considered BPL and rejected for this reason. The FCC should do the same.

In other words, “BPL: Right problem; wrong solution.”

Thanks,

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