

While this sounds very attractive on the surface, this proposal has a "Pandora's Box" effect. Studies have shown that the radiation from this process will significantly negatively impact radio reception in the HF spectrum across a wide range. As a ham radio operator I am very concerned that this proposal has gotten this far without the impact on the HF spectrum being clearly identified for the horrendous impact that could take place on all types of commercial, military and ham radio operations. The emphasis seems to be on revenue generation (understandable) without much thought as to the downside. As far as the impact on ham radio we recently had demonstrations of the critical national need to keep these HF operations clear of BPL generated interference: 9/11 and the recent major power outage in many cases resulted in a situation whereby ham radio was the "only" communication for a period of time. BPL significantly jeopardizes this national emergency resource...no cell phones..no computers..no radio towers working on VHF/UHF..what's left? HF..and in both these recent national emergency events that is what happened! Hams on HF were all that was left!....and they were there. Please do not let HF resource be conveniently overlooked!