

Brief reply to comments 03-104

Thanks again for the opportunity to express my opinion regarding BPL technology.

As a computer professional I agree with the comments that underscore the potential benefits of having a wider distribution of high-speed internet options to the general public. I also can see the business benefits of offering an alternative to broadband internet customers.

It is no surprise that the BPL industry is pushing their technology as a solution. I am somewhat surprised by the comments submitted by some of the utility companies. If a potential for interference on the scale indicated by the ARRL and others is actual, surely the responsibility for mitigating that interference will fall on the utility companies themselves, not on the manufacturers of the various black-boxes they deploy. With that in mind I would think the utility companies would be very interested to hear of any potential problems, particularly after so many businesses have already broken upon the shoals of the internet service business.

I cannot see that the ARRL and other broadcast service representatives have any reason to be against BPL for economic or social reasons. So I can but assume that they truly believe the potential for widescale RF interference is real.

As a licensed radio amateur, I derive much benefit from the work of the ARRL and I am inclined to believe them. The comments I have read from the BPL industry representatives have not included practical technical details to give me confidence in their arguments.

I appreciate the FCC for indicating their interest in BPL and thereby quietly reminding the BPL industry and their potential customers that they are under scrutiny.