

To Whom It May Concern:I am concerned over the testing and use of BPL technology and the effect it will have on HF Radio usage. Testing by several groups and other countries have shown that BPL is disruptive and not reliable for broadband communications. Implementation in several countries including Austria have resulted in the removal of Access BPL because of the interference it caused to licensed communications in the HF Spectrum.

Slidell, LA is a city on the Gulf Coast of Louisiana. As a result we are prone to severe storms and hurricanes. Emergency communications via the HF spectrum in the event of a severe storm or hurricane are vital to the area. Since BPL interferes with the HF radio spectrum, it is logical to believe it will interfere or prohibit communication in the event of an emergency.

Several groups in the Slidell area rely on HF communications including shipping, the National Weather Service, and amateur radio. I believe the use of Access BPL poses a significant threat to the HF spectrum and other more reliable methods are available for broadband access. I request that the FCC not endorse BPL and learn from its failed use in other countries.

Sincerely,

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