

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Amendment of Part 15 regarding new requirements and measurement guidelines for Access Broadband over Power Line Systems

ET Docket No. 04-37

Carrier Current Systems, including Broadband over Power Line Systems

ET Docket No. 03-104

**REPLY COMMENTS OF THE CITY OF MANASSAS,
VIRGINIA**

The Comments of ARRL, the National Association for Amateur Radio, In Response to “Request For Further Comment and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making” filed in the above-captioned dockets on September 23, 2009, criticize the usefulness of the Access BPL database as an interference mitigation tool. The comments state (at 60):

As but one recent example, in April of this year, ARRL sent an e-mail message to the contact person listed in the database for the Manassas BPL system. The e-mail contact listed in the database was invalid, and followup e-mail messages to the City of Manassas, Virginia went unanswered. There is thus no way to contact the operator of the Manassas BPL system, if in fact it is still operational.

The City of Manassas hereby replies to ARRL’s comment on page 60 by stating that operation of the BPL system in Manassas was transferred from the prior operator (COMTek) to the City in October 2008. COMTek was the contact in the database prior to the transfer of operations. Following the transition from COMTek to the City, the contract information was not updated immediately but was done so in April 2009 promptly after COMTek and the City was notified by ARRL’s Chief Executive Officer that the listing was incorrect. The City was listed as the contact in April, but until recently was not able to remove the contact information for

COMTek, so COMTek and the City were both listed between April and last week. The double inclusion in the BPL database has been resolved and the City is now the only listed contact.

The City of Manassas has been, and will continue to be, responsive to contacts about the BPL system. Although ARRL was apparently unable to know whom to contact at the City in April, amateur radio operators in northern Virginia knew whom to contact, and one of them did so on several occasions before the database information was cleared up.

Respectfully submitted,

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