

To the Commission:

This supplements my December 28, 2011 submission. I have been licensed, as a radio operator, by this Commission since 1981. I originally objected to the premise for these proceedings originally (and still do) because the technology is obsolete, i.e.: outdated (ancient), outmoded (better is available elsewhere), and dysfunctional (interference). Access BPL, by another name, is common carrier Part 15 signalling. Common carrier signalling has been around for decades, and proved that higher frequencies don't effectively transmit well through power lines...which is why power companies have confined their use of it to lower frequencies (LF, MF).

To suggest that one might make a profitable business transmitting broadband data through powerlines, without completely eliminating LF, MF, HF, and lower VHF communications due to interference, is laughable. As ARRL has repeatedly demonstrated beyond any shadow of a doubt, the interference BPL causes has been utterly proven to be fact. Even other nations' regulators won't do as FCC did!

Wireless broadband providers easily outclass this technology without interfering with lower frequencies. Therefore, while I am deeply saddened for the families of IBEC's employees, I was not terribly surprised to learn they were ceasing operations in their announcement (<http://www.ibec.net/>). As with the Manassas, VA shutdown, IBEC's departure from the market is further market-driven proof of Access BPL's obsolescence. I would ask, as respectfully as can be mustered under these circumstances, that the FCC respect the judgment of the marketplace if it won't respect the advice of experts (like ARRL's technical folks) with decades of experience? Let's put the final nail in the coffin of these proceedings and rescind all rulemaking under ET Docket 04-37, irrevocably close these proceedings, and put this shameful experiment to rest once and for all.

Best wishes,

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