

I am very concerned about the push for BPL. I am an amateur radio operator and like to keep a low profile with my neighbors. But I am concerned about my signal disturbing their BPL reception, even though it is not my problem. From what I have been able to read, the United States power grid is different than that used in Europe and is much more susceptible to "broadcasting" the BPL signal. I have worked natural disasters in the past and I am concerned about the interference from the "broadcast" signal smothering communications at these critical times. It can possibly reduce my enjoyment of my hobby by the increase of the noise floor on the ham bands.

I am also concerned about the cost of the system. The electrical utilities will have to put "repeaters" about every half mile or so as well as at every step down transformer. These will not be minor costs. Will this raise our utility bills? I think a more effective approach for the less densely populated areas is wireless internet access. It is currently available in many metropolitan areas by local wireless providers. For people that live far from major population, satellite internet is available. These people are probably receiving TV signals from satellite broadcasts.

Please do not support the push for Broadband over Power Lines.

Thank you,