



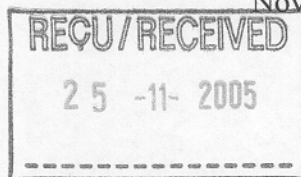
NEW WESTMINSTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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VHF Repeater: Tx 145.390 Rx 144.790 VHF Simplex: Tx/Rx 146.505
UHF Repeater: Tx 444.600 Rx 449.600 Web Site: www.nwarc.org

Director General, Spectrum Engineering Branch
Industry Canada
300 Slater Street
Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0C8

November 19, 2005



Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Canada Gazette Notice SMSE-005-5 of July 19, 2005
Consultation Paper on Broadband over Power Line (BPL) Communications Systems

The New Westminister Amateur Radio Club works very closely with the Emergency Program Coordinator of the City of New Westminister and the local Emergency Social Services Director in providing Emergency Communications. Should a disaster occur, we will respond to assist both at the Emergency Operations Centre and at the Reception/Shelter Centres. Should normal communications fail, our role would increase. Our Club assistance to these organizations rely on licenced High Frequency and Very High Frequency channels for message handling.

We have been told and have watched testing results on video, which demonstrated that BPL results in severe interference on HF and VHF, which are within the spectrum that we use. This interference would essentially prevent us from using these channels and from responding to the needs of our community of 55,000 people for Emergencies and special events.

At our Club General Meeting on November 15, 2005, a motion was passed unanimously to send this letter and to express our views that if BPL is to be introduced that it should not be introduced in a manner that it interferes with existing licenced users such as amateur radio who provide a vital service to our communities.

Admittedly we are not experts in this field, however, from the information we have received and observed, we feel Industry Canada should protect us from this severe interference so that we can continue on our mission to serve the communities in which we live by being able to use the HF and VHF spectrum.

Consideration for our request would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

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