

Minutes of the BPL Steering Committee

17 May 2004

Identifying Affected Stations in the Area

Contacting Stations In The Area

- ACTION: (K0YA, K0AL, W0EJ, K0VM, W0SR): Each will contact about 5 on the list and ask if they have HF station experiencing interference.
 - Status: K0VM and W0SR made calls.
- ACTION (WA9ENA): Get plots converted and sent to W1RFI.
- ACTION (WA9ENA): Set up a group listening session at main plant. WB0OAV work with W0SR to determine if Collins main plant interference is actually BPL.
 - Status: Interference was not likely BPL

Filing Complaints

- Discussed the usefulness of circulating a petition of some sort. Considered some sort of Web based petition (i.e. fill in a form). Would need someone with the right technical expertise to develop.
- FCC's Hollingsworth stated at Dayton that FCC enforcement programs are being cut.
- **3(?) additional complaints have been filed since the last meeting. (YES!!)**
- One person has interference, but has not yet filed a complaint.
- ACTION (KC0OX): Publish ARRL summary of filings on the web.
- ACTION (KC0OX): Discuss issue with Emergency Management. Determine if EMA would be sensitive to us mentioning their HF needs in an emergency as part of a complaint letter.
- ACTION (K0AL): Attempt to plot hams listed on Wade's spreadsheet on a map.
- ACTION (K0VM): Volunteered to do something with the data on the spreadsheet. (What was it? –OX)

Field Strength Measurements

- Alliant could not shut down the system completely. Will need to reschedule.
- KODAS has a video camera that he can use to record part of the measurement process.
- ACTION (W0SR): Will ask Alliant to try to shut down the system again. Tentatively set for Noon to 2PM on Monday, May 19.
- ACTION (W0EJ): Clarify the FCC rules for Alliant. W0EJ to submit educational letter to Alliant on FCC rules. In progress.
- W0AYO, and W0FRX and Jack Zuber have offered to help with mobiles.
 - Record field strengths, and try to establish a pattern.
 - Status: W0AYO did confirm hearing BPL when mobile.

NPRM responses

- General discussion of the comments filed.
- Looking for proper forms to file Reply Comments.
- ACTION (anyone): Publish how to file reply comments.

Susceptibility Tests

- No recent activity.
- ACTION (W0SR): Discuss this possible testing with Alliant. We do not want to be accused of causing harmful interference.

General

- ACTION (KC00X): Publicize the committee members.
- ACTION (KC00X): Publish Wade's complaint template.
- ACTION (KC00X): Advise how many hams on currently on the general BPL reflector.

Administrative Issues

- NEXT MEETING – Lunch, Friday May 24 at Collins. K0YA will arrange.