

## **Minutes of the BPL Steering Committee**

30 September 2004

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### **Legislative Assistance**

- **What do we want to ask Mr. Leach to do next?**
  - Further inquiries are difficult since the FCC considers the enforcement issue closed since Cedar Rapids has shut down its trial.
- The committee felt there was no benefit to pushing the draft resolution, as there was only a recommendation.
- Report and Order supposed to come out on 14 October.
- Point from the response to the original Congressman Leach letter.
  - Why didn't they address the harmful interference issue?
  - Stress First Responder use
- Points to include in the draft of the next letter
  - Policy vs. Regulation – Which one supersedes? (Decided not to include in letter)
  - Burden of proof is shifting to the entity being interfered with.
  - Timeliness of FCC enforcement action.
  - Avoid asking for technical standards on emission limits.
  - If FCC is issuing a Report and Order on BPL, what's the basis for this w/o their interference Technical Investigation Report or Data? (Just advise, don't put in letter)
  - How do we protect those who needs spectrum? Homeland Defense, First Responders, Emergency Communicators?
  - Policy Issues
  - Regulatory Issues
  - Technical Issues (do not include)
    - Compatibility with existing regulations -  
We believe that current regulations are not adequate to address new technologies such as BPL into spectrum used for narrow band services.
    - Harmful Interference (do not include at this time)
  - Ask for FCC BPL interference test data. Would like to see by R&O due 10/14

### **How Can We Assist Other Groups?**

- Provide a tool-kit?
- Our video?
- Slide presentations generated?

### **General Discussion**

- New magazine out called BPL Today.

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### **ACTIONS:**

- Provide a summary of technology points – Dale
- Provide a summary of points for enforcement – Tom
- Contact Dave Sumner, ARRL, to see what other groups might be interested in continuing the dialog that was started between the FCC and Mr. Leach. - Wade
- How we join forces with other affected areas and their congressman – Wade
- Clarify policy vs. regulation – Tom
- Strategy for taking advantage for the association with Congressman Leach. – All
- Circulate NTIA definition for “Harmful Interference” – Ron
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### ***Administrative Issues***

- NEXT MEETING – Thursday, October 7. Noon.