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H. R. 462

To request a study by the Federal Communications Commission on the interference caused by broadband internet transmission over power lines.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Amateur
5 Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE BPL SERVICE STUDY LEADING TO**
7 **IMPROVED RULES TO PREVENT INTER-**
8 **FERENCE.**

9 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Within 90 days after the date of
10 enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Com-

1 mission shall conduct, and submit to the Committee on
2 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
3 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
4 tation of the Senate, a report on a study of the inter-
5 ference potential of systems for the transmission of
6 broadband Internet services over power lines (in this Act
7 referred to as “BPL service”).

8 (b) REQUIRED SUBJECTS OF STUDY.—The study re-
9 quired by this section shall examine the following:

10 (1) The variation of field strength of BPL serv-
11 ice signals with distance from overhead power lines,
12 and a technical justification for the use of any par-
13 ticular distance extrapolation factor.

14 (2) The depth of adaptive, or “notch”, filtering
15 for attenuating normally permitted BPL service ra-
16 diated emission levels that would be necessary and
17 sufficient to protect the reliability of mobile radio
18 communications.

19 (3) A technical justification for the permitted,
20 radiated emission levels of BPL signals relative to
21 ambient levels of man-made noise from other
22 sources.

23 (4) Options for new or improved rules related
24 to the transmission of BPL service that, if imple-

- 1 mented, may prevent harmful interference to public
- 2 safety and other radio communications systems.

