

**European Commission**  
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Attn. Mr. Thierry Bréfort

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**PLC Workshop - October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003**  
**Current PLC Situation**

Dear Mr. Bréfort,

The whole PLC community is very thankful and looking forward to the EC's initiative on the PLC Workshop on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003. We believe this event can be the chance to give a real impulse to the massive PLC deployments by clarifying the legal framework and thus reducing uncertainty.

We are convinced that PLC Technology would contribute to attaining EC objectives, especially those related to e-Europe 2005 policy. In this sense, PLC technology deployments would undeniably help to:

- Put in place a real alternative on the telecommunication market place, boosting competence in the local loop.
- Reduce current Digital Divide in Europe, since it is based on the existing electric infrastructure that has an enormous coverage in all areas.

Together with this letter, it is a pleasure for me to send you a report which contains a detailed overview on the current PLC technology situation in Europe. This document is the result of the work that has been carried out during these last weeks, as a cooperation of PLC Utilities Alliance (PUA) and PLC Forum, with the support of Eurelectric. Let me stress the fact that all the PLC community expresses in this report a common position in specific emission limits and the need of a technical and regulatory framework throughout Europe.

In this sense, clear recommendations, directives and mandates related to PLC aspects coming from EC and the National Authorities are absolutely necessary to clarify the regulatory framework, in which PLC non intended radiations receive the same non-discriminatory treatment as those coming from other sources. Furthermore, a suitable regulation must be defined so as the development of massive PLC deployments can be possible.

We are convinced that PLC could become an effective way to boost real competition in the Telecommunication arena, thus resulting a great benefit for the whole European Society.

In case you need more information or have any additional enquiries,  
please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Ramiro Alfonsin.  
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