



**Call For Interest in Standards on Broadband over Power Lines Meeting**  
**7 June 2004**  
**Denver, Colorado USA**

The IEEE Standards Association in conjunction with the IEEE Power Engineering Society is holding a **Call for Interest in standards development for Broadband over Power Lines (BPL)**. This meeting will focus on understanding how standardization of BPL technologies will accelerate development in this field and on determining what resources are available from industry and IEEE Societies (Power Engineering Society, Communications Society, EMC Society, and others) to drive these standards forward.

The objectives of this meeting are to:

- Understand what application spaces are envisioned (home, neighborhood wires, long-distance power transmission lines)
- Review the standards that exist already and are underway in different fora
- Identify those additional standards that may be needed
- Determine what are the specific problems that need to be solved
- Identify all regulatory issues, particularly those relating to interference to licensed and unlicensed services that BPL implementations might desire
- Identify which companies are interested in driving successful technology in this industry
- Determine where potential new standards projects should be organized within the IEEE

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This initial meeting will be held from 10am - 3pm on Monday, 7 June 2004, at the IEEE Power Engineering Society General Meeting held in Denver, Colorado, USA. Companies are welcome to send individuals to this meeting in support of the above objectives. A registration form for this meeting is located at [www.ieee.org/bpl\\_reg](http://www.ieee.org/bpl_reg), which contains details for the \$100 registration. Registered attendees are invited to submit brief 10-minute presentations on suggestions to meet the stated objectives. Since space may be limited, attendees are asked to **register in advance by 17 May 2004**.

For further questions, please contact Sue Vogel ([s.vogel@ieee.org](mailto:s.vogel@ieee.org)) or Edward Rashba ([e.rashba@ieee.org](mailto:e.rashba@ieee.org)).

Regards,  
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