

UTC and The Shpigler Group to Present TeleForum on BPL Issues

NYACK, NY, July 22, 2003 - Dramatic recent developments at the FCC, in technology trials, and in the marketplace have indicated that Broadband over Power Line (BPL) is truly on the verge of taking the telecom market by storm. While utilities have long followed the developments of the technology, 2003 promises to be the breakthrough year that will feature commercial activity.

To learn more about this important topic, join UTC for the next session in the TeleForums@UTC series. David Shpigler, President of The Shpigler Group and Director of Research of UTC and Brett Kilbourne, Director of Regulatory Services & Associate Counsel of UTC, will discuss BPL business and regulatory issues. The session is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. EST.

Information about the session can be obtained by contacting UTC at (202) 872-0030.

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