

Technical Engineering Report

SPURIOUS EMISSIONS MEASUREMENTS STUDY

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §73.317(b) associated with the licensing of:

W245DP.C - Champaign, IL
BPFT-20190821ABE
(FAC ID: 149358)

&

W259BG.L - Champaign, IL
BLFT-20091104AGZ
(FAC ID: 152539)

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EXPLANATION OF STUDY: The applicant has prepared the required Spurious Emissions Measurement Study for the diplexed operation of FM Translator(s) W245DP.C - Champaign, IL and W259BG.L - Champaign, IL. This study has been conducted pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §73.317(b) and is associated with, and a condition of licensing for, W245DP.C - Construction Permit File Number BPFT-20190821ABE.

SUMMARY OF STATIONS: W245DP.C operates on 96.9 MHz with a maximum effective radiated power (ERP) of 0.250 kW circular (H&V) polarization. W259BG.L operates on 99.7 MHz with a maximum effective radiated power (ERP) of 0.250 kW circular (H&V) polarization. The common antenna is mounted on the tower bearing ASR #1247493. The common FM antenna is a two (2) bay, Nicom BKG77/2, "Opposed V Dipole" antenna mounted with a Center of Radiation 94 meters above ground level (AGL). The antenna is matched with a Nicom Model (T)FSD-1000 Triple Starpoint Diplexer/Combiner. The combiner was set using manufacturer specifications as well as information from the FCC database concerning the above-mentioned operating parameters.

MEASUREMENT RESULTS: RF Spurious Emissions Measurements were conducted on October 3, 2019 during the equipment test operations associated with the aforementioned Construction Permit. Measurements were conducted by Mr. Mark Spalding, chief engineer for Saga Communications of Illinois, LLC (Champaign). Measurements were conducted utilizing Siglent SSA 3021X Spectrum Analyzer, Serial Number #SSA3XJB4160802, with the FM transmitters in full operation employing the branched combiner for the multiple FM Translator operations. A broad spectral sweep found no obvious products above the analyzer noise floor. Using a computer generated mixing product chart, high resolution, low noise floor measurements were also made out to the 1st through 3rd orders. With the exception of noted carrier frequencies, nothing was observed over the noise floor of the analyzer as reported at the end of this report. The applicant would further like to note mixing product frequency 102.5 MHz presently houses co-channel station WGNN(FM) - Fisher, IL (CH273A; 102.5 MHz), License File Number BLED-19960415KB (Facility ID: 58449). WGNN(FM) is located 25.6 km from this common site on a bearing of 337.7°T. Additional audio tests confirm no audible mixing of any intermodulation product on the WGNN(FM) frequency.

The following is a copy of the 1st through 3rd order potential mixing product measurement results for the spurious relationships associated with the 96.9 MHz and 99.7 MHz common operations. As a result of these studies, it has been concluded the combined operation(s) meets or exceeds the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §73.317(b) and the special condition of licensing associated for W245DP.C - Construction Permit File Number BPFT-20190821ABE.

For a W245DP.C operational power of 0.250 kW, the minimum attenuation level is -67 dBc.

For a W259BG.L operational power of 0.250 kW, the minimum attenuation level is -67 dBc.

Frequency (in MHz)	Measurement (in dBc)	Frequency (in MHz)	Measurement (in dBc)	Frequency (in MHz)	Measurement (in dBc)	Frequency (in MHz)	Measurement (in dBc)
2.80 MHz	-73						
5.60 MHz	-73						
94.10 MHz	-70						
96.90 MHz	W245DP.C Carrier*						
99.70 MHz	W259BG.L Carrier*						
102.50 MHz	WGNN(FM) Carrier**						
193.80 MHz	-73						
196.60 MHz	-73						
199.40 MHz	-70						
290.70 MHz	-72						
293.50 MHz	-71						
296.30 MHz	-69						
299.10 MHz	-71						
387.60 MHz	-71						
393.20 MHz	-71						
398.80 MHz	-71						

*No intermodulation mixing was noted on any carrier frequency

**No intermodulation mixing was noted on nearby WGNN(FM) carrier frequency 102.5 MHz

Title 47: Telecommunication: PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

Subpart B—FM Broadcast Stations § 73.317 FM transmission system requirements.

- (a) FM broadcast stations employing transmitters authorized after January 1, 1960, must maintain the bandwidth occupied by their emissions in accordance with the specification detailed below. FM broadcast stations employing transmitters installed or type accepted before January 1, 1960, must achieve the highest degree of compliance with these specifications practicable with their existing equipment. In either case, should harmful interference to other authorized stations occur, the licensee shall correct the problem promptly or cease operation.
- (b) Any emission appearing on a frequency removed from the carrier by between 120 kHz and 240 kHz inclusive must be attenuated at least 25 dB below the level of the unmodulated carrier. Compliance with this requirement will be deemed to show the occupied bandwidth to be 240 kHz or less.
- (c) Any emission appearing on a frequency removed from the carrier by more than 240 kHz and up to and including 600 kHz must be attenuated at least 35 dB below the level of the unmodulated carrier.
- (d) Any emission appearing on a frequency removed from the carrier by more than 600 kHz must be attenuated at least $43 + 10 \log_{10}(\text{Power, in watts})$ dB below the level of the unmodulated carrier, or 80 dB, whichever is the lesser attenuation.
- (e) Preemphasis shall not be greater than the impedance-frequency characteristics of a series inductance resistance network having a time constant of 75 microseconds. (See upper curve of Figure 2 of §73.333.) [51 FR 17028, May 8, 1986]

Title 47: Telecommunication: PART 74—EXPERIMENTAL RADIO, AUXILIARY, SPECIAL BROADCAST AND OTHER SERVICES

Subpart L—FM Broadcast Translator Stations and FM Broadcast Booster Stations: § 74.1236 Emission and bandwidth.

(a) The license of a station authorized under this subpart allows the transmission of either F3 or other types of frequency modulation (see §2.201 of this chapter) upon a showing of need, as long as the emission complies with the following:

- (1) For transmitter output powers no greater than 10 watts, paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section apply.
- (2) For transmitter output powers greater than 10 watts, §73.317 (a), (b), (c), and (d) apply.
- (b) Standard width FM channels will be assigned and the transmitting apparatus shall be operated so as to limit spurious emissions to the lowest practicable value. Any emissions including intermodulation products and radiofrequency harmonics which are not essential for the transmission of the desired aural information shall be considered to be spurious emissions.
- (c) The power of emissions appearing outside the assigned channel shall be attenuated below the total power of the emission as follows:
- (d) Greater attenuation than that specified in paragraph (c) of this section may be required if interference results outside the assigned channel. [35 FR 15388, Oct. 2, 1970, as amended at 52 FR 31406, Aug. 20, 1987; 55 FR 50698, Dec. 10, 1990]

§ 74.1236 (c) Attenuations:	
Distance of emission from center Frequency	Minimum attenuation below unmodulated carrier
120 to 240 kHz	25 dB
Over 240 and up to 600 kHz	35 dB
Over 600 kHz	60 dB

CERTIFICATION OF TECHNICAL CONSULTANT: I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the contents of this report are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify I have over nineteen years of experience as a broadcast technical consultant before the Federal Communications Commission ("the FCC"); and am familiar with the Code of Federal Regulations Title 47 ("the Rules") as pertaining to this report and its contents herein. The underlying data utilized in this report was taken directly from FCC databases or indirectly through third party software vendors securing data directly from FCC databases. The information contained herein is believed accurate to the date reported below.


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