

## **Comprehensive Engineering Statement**

prepared for

**Washington DC FCC License Sub, LLC**

WTOP-FM Washington, DC

Facility ID 11845

Ch. 278B 44 kW (MAX- DA) 158 m

*Washington DC FCC License Sub, LLC (“Hubbard”)* is the licensee of WTOP-FM, Channel 278B, Washington, DC, (FCC Facility ID 11845, FCC File Number BMLH-20110215ABQ). *Hubbard* herein proposes to replace its transmitting antenna on the same registered tower (ASRN 1045309). The antenna replacement is being performed per §73.1690 (c)(2) of the Commission’s Rules. Per the same Rule Section and §73.1620 (a)(3), WTOP-FM is operating at 50% power and requests approval to conduct program tests at full power.

### **Antenna Replacement Requirements**

*Hubbard* proposes to replace the WTOP-FM antenna on the same tower located at the coordinates indicated above. The center of radiation of the replacement antenna will be 114.6 meters above ground level, for an antenna height of 225.9 meters AMSL. The licensed antenna height is 228 m AMSL. The instant proposal is within the required +2/-4 meter requirement stated in §73.1690 (c)(2) for antenna replacements.

**Attachment I** provides the Manufacturer’s antenna Proof of Performance, including the measured vertically polarized, horizontally polarized and composite tabulations. As shown, neither component exceeds the authorized antenna pattern along any azimuth as required by §73.1690 (c)(2)(i). **Attachment I** also provides the manufacturer’s RMS calculation of 0.861 for the composite pattern. The calculated RMS of the authorized envelope pattern is 0.915. As demonstrated, the Root Mean Square of the composite measured directional antenna pattern is 94.1 percent of the envelope, which is greater than 85 percent as required by §73.1690 (c)(2)(ii). A detailed description of the procedures used to measure the directional antenna pattern is provided in the same statement, thus complying with §73.1690 (c)(2)(iii).

**Attachment II** is a PDF statement from a licensed land surveyor, certifying that the antenna was oriented to the proper azimuth as specified by the antenna manufacturer. As demonstrated, the antenna was correctly oriented to 30 degrees True. **Attachment III** is the certification from a qualified engineer who oversaw the installation of the directional antenna. Thus, the requirements of §73.1690 (c)(2)(iv) and (v) are satisfied.

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The replacement antenna is a new Master FM Antenna to be used by WAMU(FM) (Channel 203B, Washington, DC), WPFW(FM) (Channel 207B, Washington, DC), and WETA(FM) (Channel 215B, Washington, DC). It is a non-directional master antenna manufactured by ERI as model number 1182-6CP-DA-SP, with a separate input port for WTOP-FM to provide the directional pattern specific to its needs. As such, a special combiner / filter was installed to protect the system from generating intermodulation and other spurious products. **Attachment IV** is the manufacturer's test results after installation, and while all other antenna users were operating at full power into the antenna.

**Figure 1** demonstrates the 70 dBμ City Grade contour coverage using the measured pattern, as required by §73.1690 (c)(2). As demonstrated, the proposed antenna pattern fits within the authorized pattern, and the City Grade contour fully encompasses the community of license, Washington, DC.

### **Green Bank, Monitoring Station, International Considerations**

The facility is located outside the Green Bank coordinates identified in §73.1030(a)(1). The site is located 2,371 km from Canada and 475.4 km from the Mexican border, well beyond the 320 km coordination distance for both countries. The nearest FCC monitoring station is 34.6 km distant at Laurel, Maryland. Since no change in authorization is being requested, it is believed that no coordination with the monitoring station is required. With respect to AM stations, according to information extracted from the Commission's Media Bureau database, there are no facilities within 3.2 km of the proposed site.

### **Environmental Considerations**

The proposed facility utilizes a Master FM antenna system, in common with WAMU(FM), WPFW(FM), and WETA(FM), with a circularly-polarized antenna at 114.6 meters AGL on registered tower ASRN 1045309. The use of existing transmitting locations has been characterized as being environmentally preferable by the Commission, according to Note 1 of §1.1306 of the FCC Rules. Because no change in structure height is proposed, no change in current structure marking and lighting requirements is anticipated. Therefore, it is believed that this application may

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be categorically excluded from environmental processing pursuant to §1.1306 of the Commission's rules.

### Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Radiation

In keeping with §1.1307(b) of the Commission's Rules, the proposed operation has been evaluated for human exposure to radiofrequency energy using the procedures outlined by the Federal Communications Commission in FCC OET Bulletin 65 ("OET-65"). OET-65 describes a means of determining whether a proposed facility exceeds the radiofrequency exposure guidelines specified in §1.1310 of the Commission's Rules. Under present Commission policy, a facility may be presumed to comply with the limits in §1.1310 of the Commission's Rules if it satisfies the exposure criteria set forth in OET-65. Based upon that methodology, and as demonstrated in the following, the proposed transmitting system will comply with the cited adopted guidelines.

An effective radiated power ("ERP") of 44 kW, circularly polarized, will be employed, utilizing an ERI model number 1183-4CP-DA-SP 4-bay antenna with a bay spacing of 100 inches, or 0.877 wavelengths at 103.5 MHz. **Figure 2** depicts the vertical (elevation) pattern as provided by the manufacturer<sup>1</sup>. The tabulation for the elevation pattern is provided in one degree increments as **Table I**. The "uncontrolled/general population" limit specified in §1.1310 for FM Channel 203 (88.5 MHz) is 200 µW/cm<sup>2</sup>.

OET-65's formula for FM signal density in this analysis is essentially the same as equation (10) in OET-65:

$$S = (33.4098) (F^2) (ERP) / D^2$$

Where:

S	=	power density in microwatts/cm <sup>2</sup>
ERP	=	total (average) ERP in Watts
F	=	relative field factor
D	=	distance in meters

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<sup>1</sup> The FCC prefers the use of FM Model to predict the RF exposure of a proposal. In this case, FM Model does not have a choice that includes the type of antenna being proposed. As a worst-case prediction, the default "ring-stub" style antenna exaggerates the downward radiation compared to the data provided by the manufacturer. All other FM Model choices are not appropriate for the type of antenna employed.

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Using this formula, the antenna's elevation pattern, and the above assumptions, the proposed facility would contribute a maximum power density of  $9.18 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$  at two meters above ground, or 4.59 percent of the general population/uncontrolled MPE limit. **Figure 3** is a graphical depiction of the calculated RF exposure attributable to the instant proposal along radials extending 1,000 meters from the proposed support structure at two meters above ground level. At ground level locations away from the base of the tower, the calculated RF power density is lower, due to the increasing distance from the transmitting antenna. Thus, the proposed facility complies with §1.1307(b) of the Commission's Rules regarding exposure to radiofrequency radiation.

§1.1307(b)(3) states that facilities at locations with multiple transmitters (such as the case at hand) are categorically excluded from responsibility for taking any corrective action in the areas where their contribution is less than five percent. Since the instant situation meets the five percent exclusion test at all ground level areas, the impact of any other facilities using this site may be considered independently from this proposal. Accordingly, it is believed that the impact of the proposed operation should not be considered to be a factor at or near ground level as defined under §1.1307(b).

As demonstrated herein, excessive levels of RF energy attributable to the proposal will not be caused at publicly accessible areas at ground level near the antenna supporting structure. Consequently, members of the general public will not be exposed to RF levels in excess of the Commission's guidelines. Nevertheless, tower site access will continue to be restricted and controlled through the use of a locked fence. Additionally, appropriate RF exposure warning signs will continue to be posted.

### **Safety of Tower Workers and the General Public**

With respect to worker safety, it is believed that based on the preceding analysis, excessive exposure would not occur in areas at ground level. A site exposure policy will continue to be employed protecting maintenance workers from excessive exposure when work must be performed on the tower in areas where high RF levels may be present. Such protective measures may include, but will not be limited to, restriction of access to areas where levels in excess of the guidelines may be expected, power reduction, or the complete shutdown of facilities when work or inspections

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must be performed in areas where the exposure guidelines will be exceeded. On-site RF exposure measurements may also be undertaken to establish the bounds of safe working areas. The applicant will coordinate exposure procedures with all pertinent stations.

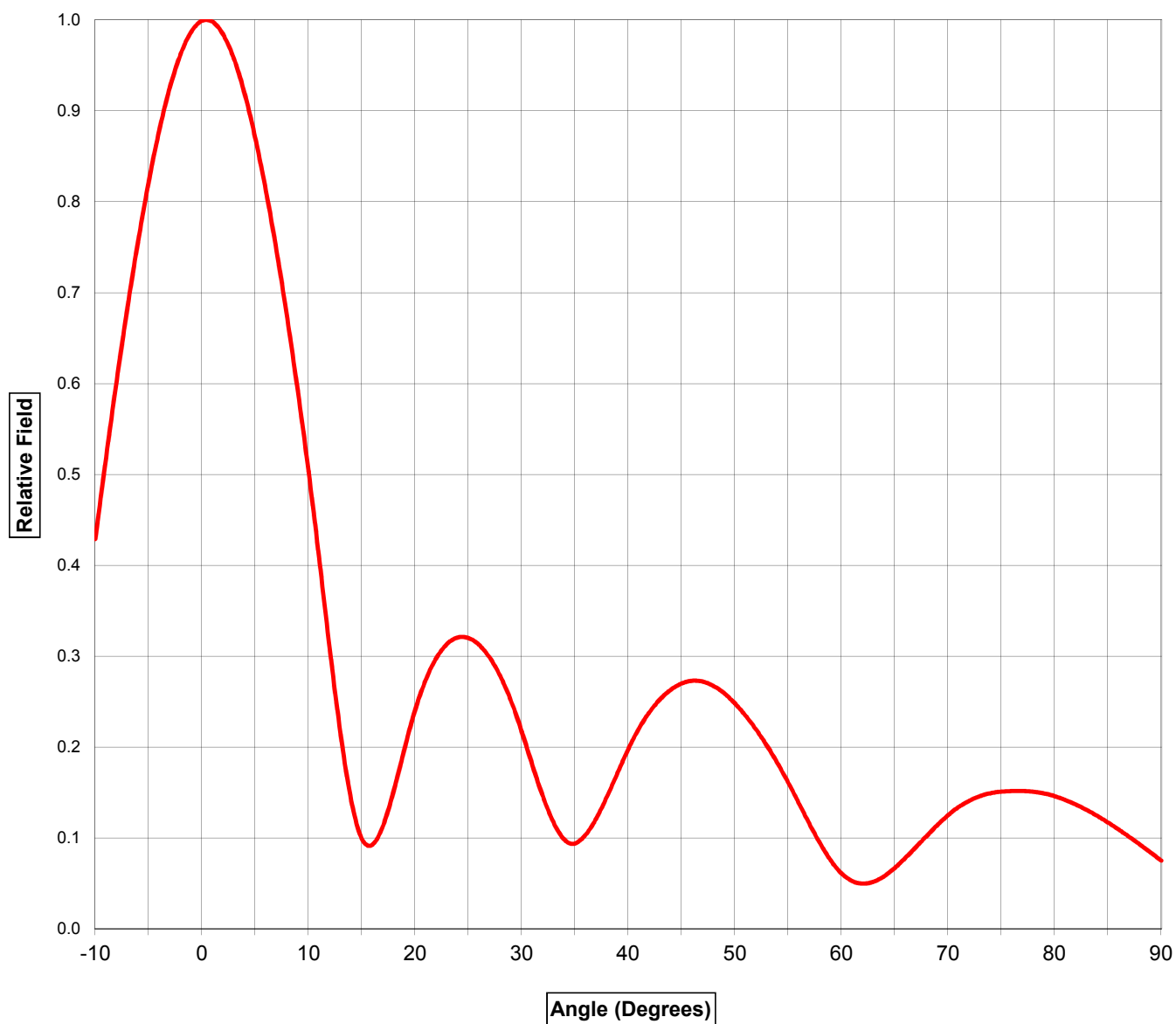
Based on the preceding, it is believed that the instant proposal may be categorically excluded from environmental processing under Section 1.1306 of the Rules; hence preparation of an Environmental Assessment is not required.

### **Conclusion**

It is therefore believed that the proposed facility satisfies all of the pertinent Commission Rules and Policies now in effect.



**Relative Field Pattern**



**FIGURE 2**

**ANTENNA VERTICAL (ELEVATION)  
PLANE RADIATION PATTERN**

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Table I  
**ANTENNA ELEVATION PATTERN TABULATION**  
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Angle (deg)	Relative Field	Angle (deg)	Relative Field	Angle (deg)	Relative Field
-10	0.429	23	0.315	57	0.119
-9	0.516	24	0.322	58	0.098
-8	0.601	25	0.320	59	0.078
-7	0.681	26	0.311	60	0.061
-6	0.756	27	0.296	61	0.047
-5	0.822	28	0.274	62	0.041
-4	0.880	29	0.247	63	0.045
-3	0.927	30	0.217	64	0.055
-2	0.963	31	0.185	65	0.067
-1	0.987	32	0.152	66	0.080
0	0.999	33	0.123	67	0.093
0.4	1.000	34	0.101	68	0.105
1	0.998	35	0.094	69	0.116
2	0.984	36	0.102	70	0.125
3	0.957	37	0.123	71	0.133
4	0.919	38	0.148	72	0.139
5	0.870	39	0.174	73	0.145
6	0.811	40	0.198	74	0.148
7	0.743	41	0.220	75	0.151
8	0.668	42	0.238	76	0.152
9	0.588	43	0.253	77	0.152
10	0.503	44	0.264	78	0.151
11	0.417	45	0.270	79	0.149
12	0.331	46	0.273	80	0.146
13	0.246	47	0.272	81	0.141
14	0.167	48	0.267	82	0.136
15	0.099	49	0.259	83	0.131
16	0.070	50	0.248	84	0.124
17	0.101	51	0.235	85	0.117
18	0.151	52	0.219	86	0.110
19	0.199	53	0.201	87	0.102
20	0.241	54	0.182	88	0.093
21	0.274	55	0.161	89	0.084
22	0.299	56	0.140	90	0.075



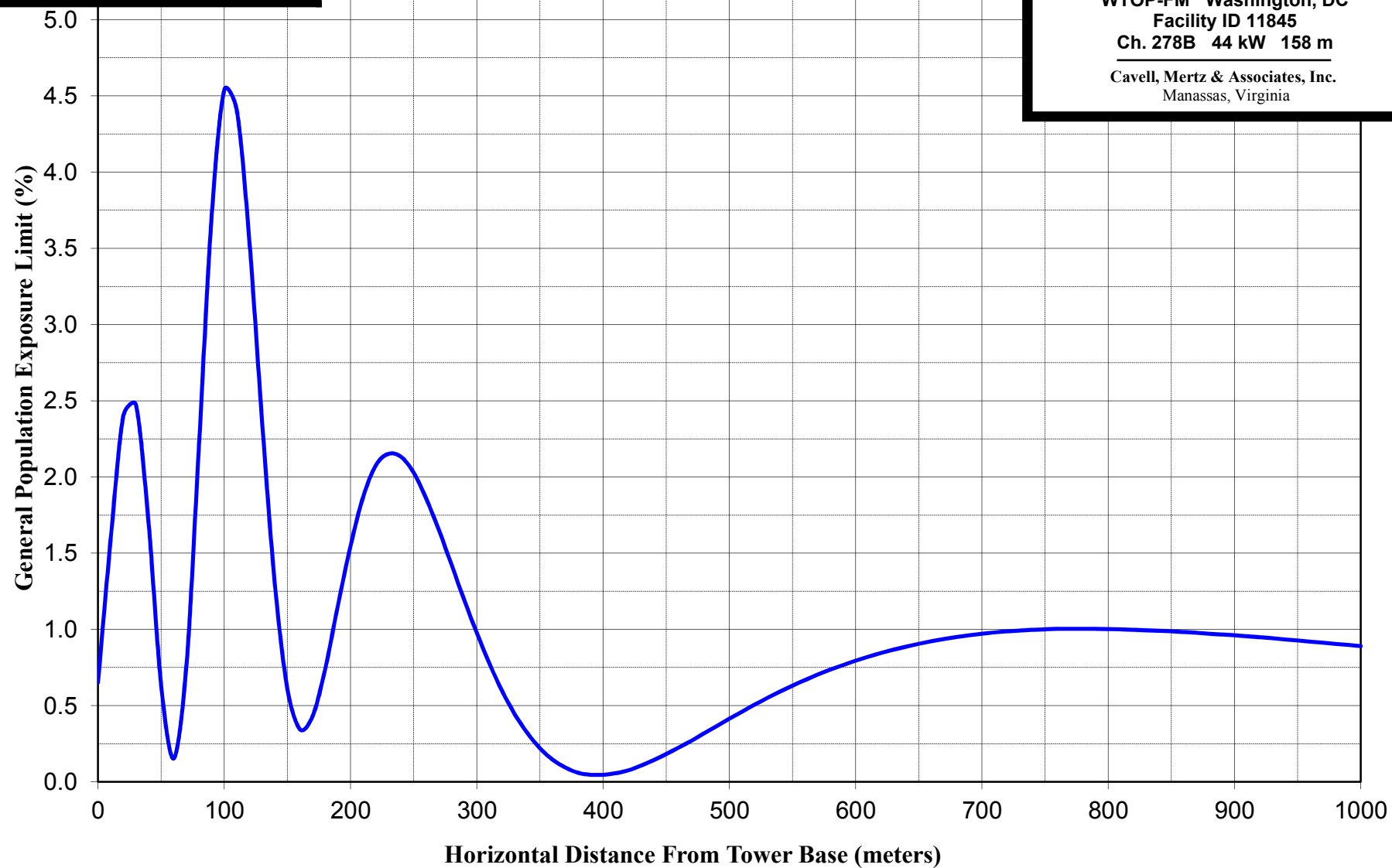


**FIGURE 3**  
**RF EXPOSURE CALCULATION**

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**Attachment I**

**Antenna System Proof-of-Performance**

**APPLICATION FOR STATION LICENSE**

**Supporting Antenna Replacement for FCC License BMLH-20110215ABQ  
WTOP-FM Washington, District of Columbia (Facility ID 11845)**

## ***Directional Antenna System for WTOP, Washington, DC***

February 25, 2019

Electronics Research Inc. is providing a custom fabricated multiplexed antenna system that is specially designed to meet the FCC requirements and the general needs of radio station WTOP.

The antenna is the ERI model 1183-4CP-DA-SP configuration. The circular polarized system consists of four 100 inch spaced bays using one driven circular polarized radiating element per bay. The antenna was tested on a 20" o.d. pole, which is the structure the station plans to use to support the array. All tests were performed on a frequency of 103.5 megahertz, which is the center of the FM broadcast channel assigned to WTOP. The design of the system will include five additional stations WAMU 88.5 MHz, WPFW 89.3 MHz, WETA 90.9 MHz, WWMJ 102.3 MHz and WTOP Aux 103.5 MHz inserted into the fourth port of the hybrid at each element.

Pattern measurements were made on a sixty-acre antenna pattern range that is owned and operated by Electronics Research, Inc. The tests were performed under the direction of Thomas B. Silliman, president of Electronics Research, Inc. Mr. Silliman has the Bachelor of Electrical Engineering and the Master of Electrical Engineering degrees from Cornell University and is a registered professional engineer in the states of Indiana, Maryland and Minnesota.



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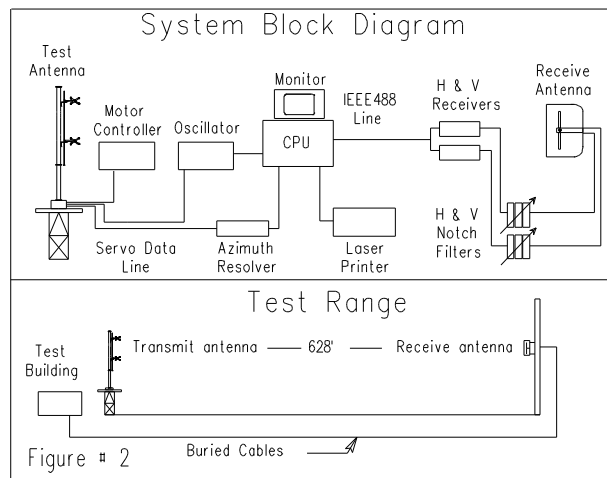
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## DESCRIPTION OF THE TEST PROCEDURE

The test antenna consisted of one bay level of the circular polarized system. The elements and brackets that were used in this test are electrically equivalent to those that will be supplied with the antenna. The lines were properly grounded during all tests.

The power distribution and phase relationship to the antenna elements was adjusted in order to achieve the directional radiation patterns for both horizontal and vertical polarization components.

The proof-of-performance was accomplished using a 20" o.d. pole with identical dimension and configuration including all braces, ladders, conduits, coaxial lines and other appurtenances that are included in the actual aperture at which the antenna will be installed. The structure was erected vertically on a turntable mounted on a non-metallic building with the antenna centered vertically on the structure, making the center of radiation of the test approximately 30 feet above ground. The turntable is equipped with a motor drive and a US Digital angle position indicator. The resolution of this angle position indicator is one-hundredth of a degree.



The antenna under test was operated in the transmitting mode and fed from a HP8657D signal generator. The frequency of the signal source was set at 103.5 MHz and was constantly monitored by a Rohde & Schwarz ESVD measuring receiver.

A broadband horizontal and vertical dipole system, located approximately 628 feet from the test antenna, was used to receive the emitted test signals. The dipole system was mounted at the same height above terrain as the center of the antenna under test.

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The signals received by the dipole system were fed to the test building by way of two buried Heliac cables to a Rohde & Schwarz measuring receiver. This data was interfaced to a laser jet printer by means of a computer system. Relative field strength was plotted as a function of azimuth.

The measurements were performed by rotating the test antenna in a counter-clockwise direction and plotting the received signal on polar co-ordinated graph paper in a clockwise direction. Both horizontal and vertical components were recorded separately.

## CONCLUSIONS

The circular polarized system consists of four 100 inch spaced bays using three driven circular polarized radiating element per bay. The power distribution and phase relationship will be fixed when the antenna is manufactured. Proper maintenance of the elements should be all that is required to maintain the pattern in adjustment.

The 1183-4CP-DA-SP array is to be mounted on the 20" o.d. pole at a bearing of North 30 degrees East. Blue prints provided with the antenna will show the proper antenna orientation alignment. The antenna alignment procedure should be directed by a licensed surveyor as prescribed by the FCC.

Figure #1 represents the measured individual horizontal and vertical components, the composite maximum of either the horizontal or vertical component at any azimuth and the FCC filed envelope pattern. The horizontal plane relative field list for the composite pattern and the individual H & V components are shown as Figure #1 & 1A respectively. The actual measured pattern does not exceed the authorized FCC composite pattern at any azimuth. A calculated vertical plane relative field pattern is shown on Figure #3 attached. The power in the maximum will reach 44 kilowatts (16.435 dBk).

The power at North 10 degrees East does not exceed 14.5 kilowatts (11.614 dBk).

Directional Antenna System  
For  
WTOP, Washington, DC

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The RMS of the vertically polarized horizontal plane component does not exceed the RMS of the horizontally polarized horizontal plane component.

The composite horizontal and vertical maximum relative field pattern obtained from the measured data as shown on Figure #1 has an RMS that is greater than 85% of the filed composite pattern.

The clear vertical length of the structure required to support the antenna is 45 feet if the antenna is to be top mounted.

The directional antenna should not be mounted on the top of an antenna tower that includes a top-mounted platform larger than the cross-sectional area of the tower in the horizontal plane. No obstructions other than those that are specified by the blue prints supplied with the antenna are to be mounted within 75 ft. horizontally of the system.

The vertical distance to the nearest obstruction should be a minimum of 10 ft. from the directional antenna. Metallic guy wires should be a minimum distance of forty feet horizontally from the antenna.

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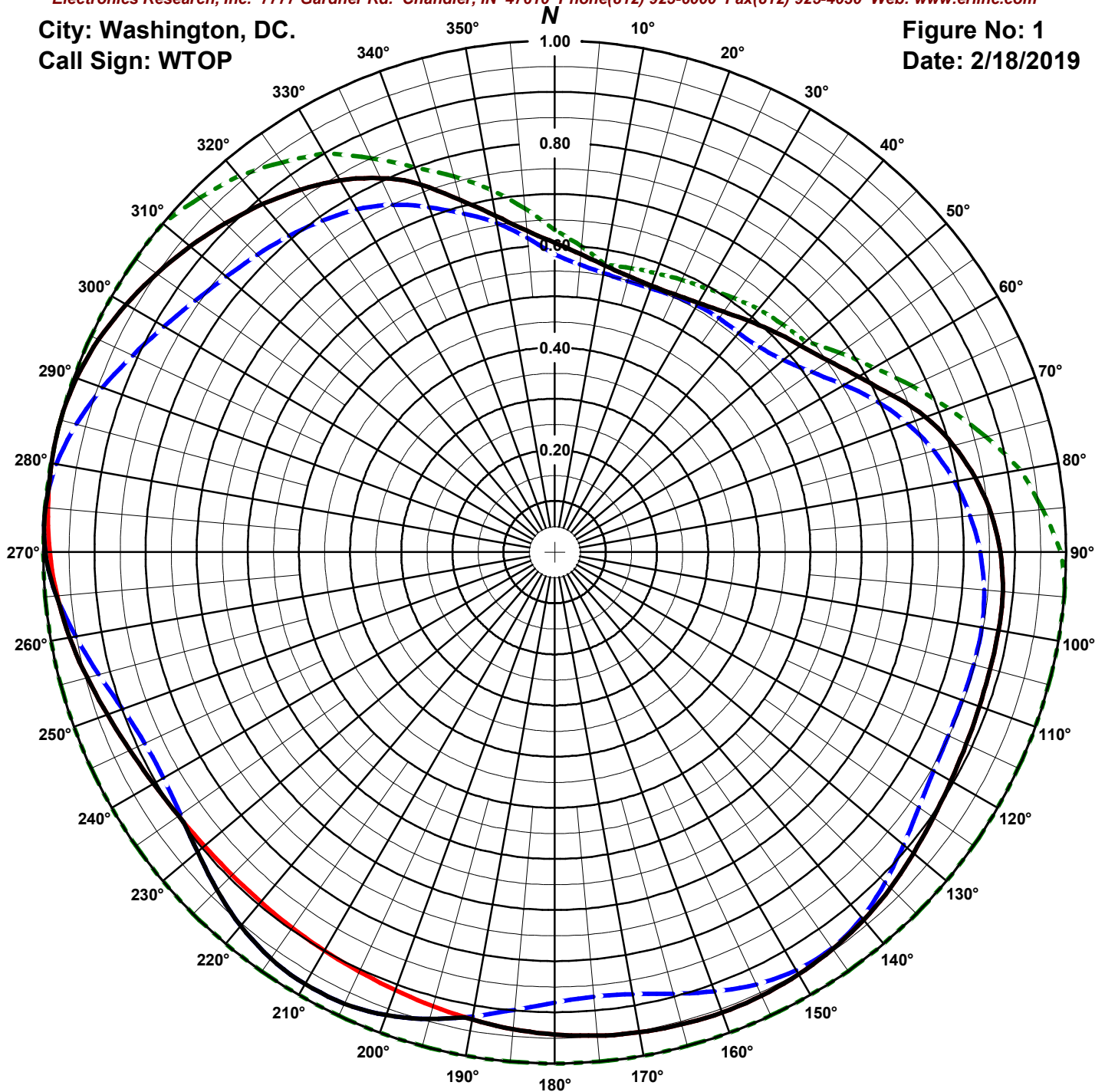
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# ERI<sup>®</sup> Horizontal Plane Relative Field Pattern

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City: Washington, DC.  
Call Sign: WTOP

Figure No: 1  
Date: 2/18/2019



Frequency: 103.5 MHz

Antenna Type: 1183-4CP-DA-SP

Antenna Mounting: Cogwheel

Tower Type: 20" Pole

## HORIZONTAL

RMS: .854

Maximum: 1 @ 283°

Minimum: .554 @ 21°

## VERTICAL

RMS: .83

Maximum: 1 @ 274°

Minimum: .548 @ 17°

## COMPOSITE

RMS: .861

Maximum: 1 @ 274°

Minimum: .554 @ 21°

## FCC ENVELOPE

RMS: .915

Maximum: 1 @ 94°

Minimum: .57 @ 10°

Measured patterns of the horizontal and vertical components. The composite pattern shows the maximum of either the H or V azimuth values. This patterns is greater than 85% of the FCC filed composite pattern BMLH-20110215ABQ.

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Figure# 1

Date: 2/18/2019

Station: WTOP

Antenna: 1183-4CP-DA-SP

Location: Washington, DC.

Antenna Orientation: 30° True

Frequency: 103.5 MHz

Number of Bays: 4

Azimuth	Envelope			Polarization	Azimuth	Envelope			Polarization
	Field	kW	dBk			Field	kW	dBk	
0°	0.605	16.084	12.064	Horizontal	180°	0.943	39.166	15.929	Horizontal
5°	0.585	15.059	11.778	Horizontal	185°	0.936	38.583	15.864	Horizontal
10°	0.569	14.225	11.530	Horizontal	190°	0.928	37.896	15.786	Horizontal
15°	0.558	13.722	11.374	Horizontal	195°	0.945	39.308	15.945	Vertical
20°	0.554	13.516	11.308	Horizontal	200°	0.963	40.844	16.111	Vertical
25°	0.556	13.593	11.333	Horizontal	205°	0.974	41.728	16.204	Vertical
30°	0.563	13.923	11.437	Horizontal	210°	0.975	41.858	16.218	Vertical
35°	0.574	14.501	11.614	Horizontal	215°	0.969	41.341	16.164	Vertical
40°	0.590	15.325	11.854	Horizontal	220°	0.954	40.079	16.029	Vertical
45°	0.609	16.298	12.121	Horizontal	225°	0.934	38.376	15.841	Vertical
50°	0.628	17.372	12.399	Horizontal	230°	0.912	36.569	15.631	Vertical
55°	0.653	18.744	12.729	Horizontal	235°	0.898	35.507	15.503	Horizontal
60°	0.686	20.710	13.162	Horizontal	240°	0.906	36.101	15.575	Horizontal
65°	0.727	23.237	13.662	Horizontal	245°	0.916	36.951	15.676	Horizontal
70°	0.772	26.210	14.185	Horizontal	250°	0.930	38.066	15.805	Horizontal
75°	0.807	28.661	14.573	Horizontal	255°	0.947	39.427	15.958	Horizontal
80°	0.835	30.696	14.871	Horizontal	260°	0.963	40.793	16.106	Horizontal
85°	0.857	32.293	15.091	Horizontal	265°	0.978	42.085	16.241	Vertical
90°	0.871	33.414	15.239	Horizontal	270°	0.996	43.645	16.399	Vertical
95°	0.879	34.033	15.319	Horizontal	275°	0.999	43.955	16.430	Vertical
100°	0.881	34.182	15.338	Horizontal	280°	0.999	43.911	16.426	Horizontal
105°	0.882	34.202	15.341	Horizontal	285°	1.000	43.976	16.432	Horizontal
110°	0.884	34.358	15.360	Horizontal	290°	0.995	43.531	16.388	Horizontal
115°	0.888	34.702	15.404	Horizontal	295°	0.984	42.569	16.291	Horizontal
120°	0.895	35.240	15.470	Horizontal	300°	0.968	41.218	16.151	Horizontal
125°	0.904	35.977	15.560	Horizontal	305°	0.950	39.672	15.985	Horizontal
130°	0.916	36.919	15.673	Horizontal	310°	0.930	38.049	15.803	Horizontal
135°	0.929	37.947	15.792	Horizontal	315°	0.910	36.405	15.612	Horizontal
140°	0.939	38.830	15.892	Horizontal	320°	0.888	34.719	15.406	Horizontal
145°	0.948	39.522	15.968	Horizontal	325°	0.865	32.925	15.175	Horizontal
150°	0.954	40.014	16.022	Horizontal	330°	0.839	30.993	14.913	Horizontal
155°	0.957	40.302	16.053	Horizontal	335°	0.807	28.642	14.570	Horizontal
160°	0.958	40.375	16.061	Horizontal	340°	0.765	25.723	14.103	Horizontal
165°	0.956	40.253	16.048	Horizontal	345°	0.713	22.337	13.490	Horizontal
170°	0.954	40.004	16.021	Horizontal	350°	0.668	19.631	12.929	Horizontal
175°	0.949	39.641	15.981	Horizontal	355°	0.631	17.514	12.434	Horizontal

Horizontal Polarization:

Maximum: 2.651 (4.233 dB)

Horizontal Plane: 2.645 (4.224 dB)

Maximum ERP: 44.000 kW

Vertical Polarization:

Maximum: 2.651 (4.233 dB)

Horizontal Plane: 2.645 (4.224 dB)

Maximum ERP: 44.000 kW

Total Input Power: 16.600 kW

Reference: WTOP1M.FIG

This list shows the the maximum azimuth values of either the horizontal or vertical components.



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Figure# 1A

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Location: Washington, DC.

Frequency: 103.5 MHz

Date: 2/18/2019

Antenna: 1183-4CP-DA-SP

Antenna Orientation: 30° True

Number of Bays: 4

Azimuth	Horizontal			Vertical			Azimuth	Horizontal			Vertical		
	Field	kW	dBk	Field	kW	dBk		Field	kW	dBk	Field	kW	dBk
0°	0.605	16.084	12.064	0.582	14.923	11.739	180°	0.943	39.166	15.929	0.881	34.133	15.332
5°	0.585	15.059	11.778	0.564	14.021	11.468	185°	0.936	38.583	15.864	0.899	35.524	15.505
10°	0.569	14.225	11.530	0.554	13.506	11.305	190°	0.928	37.896	15.786	0.922	37.383	15.727
15°	0.558	13.722	11.374	0.549	13.255	11.224	195°	0.919	37.184	15.704	0.945	39.308	15.945
20°	0.554	13.516	11.308	0.549	13.252	11.223	200°	0.911	36.554	15.629	0.963	40.844	16.111
25°	0.556	13.593	11.333	0.552	13.418	11.277	205°	0.905	36.034	15.567	0.974	41.728	16.204
30°	0.563	13.923	11.437	0.557	13.639	11.348	210°	0.900	35.625	15.518	0.975	41.858	16.218
35°	0.574	14.501	11.614	0.559	13.749	11.383	215°	0.896	35.324	15.481	0.969	41.341	16.164
40°	0.590	15.325	11.854	0.560	13.776	11.391	220°	0.894	35.132	15.457	0.954	40.079	16.029
45°	0.609	16.298	12.121	0.567	14.129	11.501	225°	0.893	35.054	15.447	0.934	38.376	15.841
50°	0.628	17.372	12.399	0.585	15.042	11.773	230°	0.894	35.162	15.461	0.912	36.569	15.631
55°	0.653	18.744	12.729	0.614	16.583	12.197	235°	0.898	35.507	15.503	0.893	35.126	15.456
60°	0.686	20.710	13.162	0.654	18.817	12.745	240°	0.906	36.101	15.575	0.883	34.331	15.357
65°	0.727	23.237	13.662	0.696	21.344	13.293	245°	0.916	36.951	15.676	0.884	34.418	15.368
70°	0.772	26.210	14.185	0.734	23.731	13.753	250°	0.930	38.066	15.805	0.899	35.558	15.509
75°	0.807	28.661	14.573	0.767	25.881	14.130	255°	0.947	39.427	15.958	0.923	37.488	15.739
80°	0.835	30.696	14.871	0.794	27.744	14.432	260°	0.963	40.793	16.106	0.951	39.786	15.997
85°	0.857	32.293	15.091	0.816	29.281	14.666	265°	0.977	41.959	16.228	0.978	42.085	16.241
90°	0.871	33.414	15.239	0.832	30.461	14.837	270°	0.987	42.875	16.322	0.996	43.645	16.399
95°	0.879	34.033	15.319	0.843	31.261	14.950	275°	0.995	43.528	16.388	0.999	43.955	16.430
100°	0.881	34.182	15.338	0.848	31.664	15.006	280°	0.999	43.911	16.426	0.989	43.041	16.339
105°	0.882	34.202	15.341	0.848	31.660	15.005	285°	1.000	43.976	16.432	0.968	41.199	16.149
110°	0.884	34.358	15.360	0.848	31.609	14.998	290°	0.995	43.531	16.388	0.940	38.914	15.901
115°	0.888	34.702	15.404	0.849	31.739	15.016	295°	0.984	42.569	16.291	0.910	36.454	15.617
120°	0.895	35.240	15.470	0.856	32.213	15.080	300°	0.968	41.218	16.151	0.882	34.218	15.343
125°	0.904	35.977	15.560	0.870	33.288	15.223	305°	0.950	39.672	15.985	0.858	32.374	15.102
130°	0.916	36.919	15.673	0.890	34.889	15.427	310°	0.930	38.049	15.803	0.838	30.887	14.898
135°	0.929	37.947	15.792	0.914	36.738	15.651	315°	0.910	36.405	15.612	0.822	29.743	14.734
140°	0.939	38.830	15.892	0.934	38.395	15.843	320°	0.888	34.719	15.406	0.807	28.679	14.576
145°	0.948	39.522	15.968	0.946	39.340	15.948	325°	0.865	32.925	15.175	0.791	27.538	14.399
150°	0.954	40.014	16.022	0.944	39.211	15.934	330°	0.839	30.993	14.913	0.773	26.313	14.202
155°	0.957	40.302	16.053	0.933	38.297	15.832	335°	0.807	28.642	14.570	0.749	24.710	13.929
160°	0.958	40.375	16.061	0.914	36.775	15.656	340°	0.765	25.723	14.103	0.718	22.652	13.551
165°	0.956	40.253	16.048	0.894	35.158	15.460	345°	0.713	22.337	13.490	0.685	20.648	13.149
170°	0.954	40.004	16.021	0.878	33.908	15.303	350°	0.668	19.631	12.929	0.653	18.782	12.737
175°	0.949	39.641	15.981	0.873	33.530	15.254	355°	0.631	17.514	12.434	0.617	16.737	12.237

Horizontal Polarization:

Maximum: 2.651 (4.233 dB)

Horizontal Plane: 2.645 (4.224 dB)

Maximum ERP: 44.000 kW

Vertical Polarization:

Maximum: 2.651 (4.233 dB)

Horizontal Plane: 2.645 (4.224 dB)

Maximum ERP: 44.000 kW

Total Input Power: 16.600 kW

Reference: WTOP1M.FIG

This list shows the azimuth values for the horizontal and vertical components.



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Figure 4

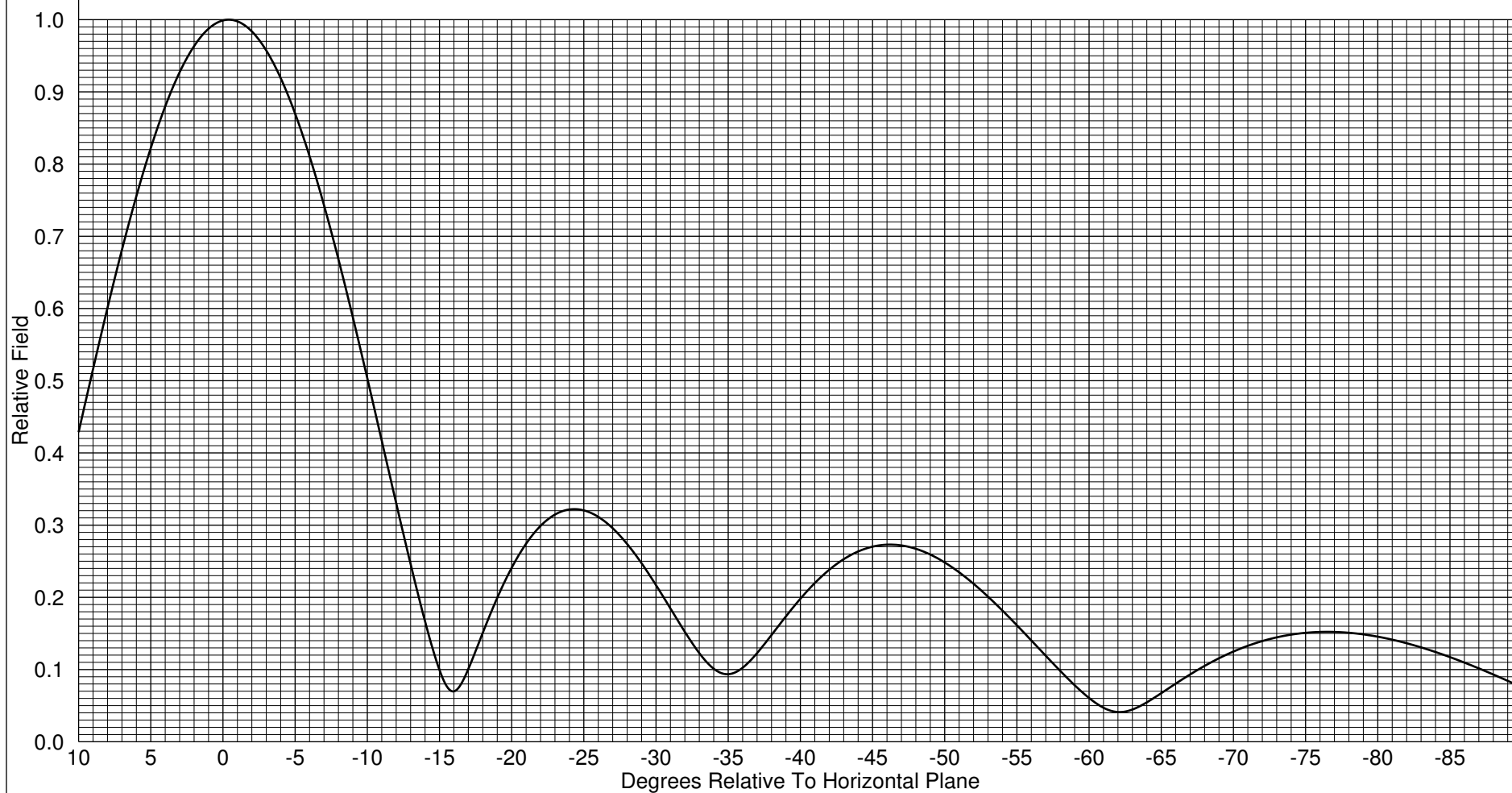
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Vertical Plane Relative Field  
4 ERI Type 1180 Elements  
-0.41 Degree(s) Electrical Beam Tilt  
6.9 Percent First Null Fill  
9.1 Percent Second Null Fill

12/24/2018 11:23:25 AM

103.5 MHz

Element Spacing:  
100 Inches



# Directional Antenna System for WTOP, Washington, DC

(Continued)

## ANTENNA SPECIFICATIONS

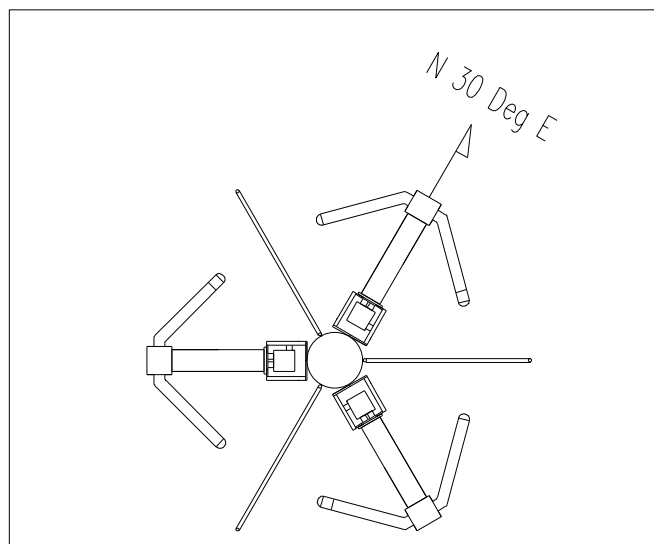
Antenna Type: 1183-4CP-DA-SP  
Frequency: 103.5 MHz  
Number of Bays: Four

## MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Mounting: Custom  
System length: 33 ft 4 in  
Aperture length required: 45  
Orientation: 30° true  
Input flange to the antenna 3 1/8" female.

## ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS (For directional use)

Maximum horizontal ERP: 44.000 kW (16.435 dBk)  
Horizontal maximum power gain: 2.651 (4.233 dB)  
Horizontal H Plane power gain: 2.645 (4.224 dB)  
Maximum vertical ERP: 44.000 kW (16.435 dBk)  
Vertical maximum power gain: 2.651 (4.233 dB)  
Vertical H plane power gain: 2.645 (4.224 dB)  
Total input power: 16.600 kW (12.201 dBk)

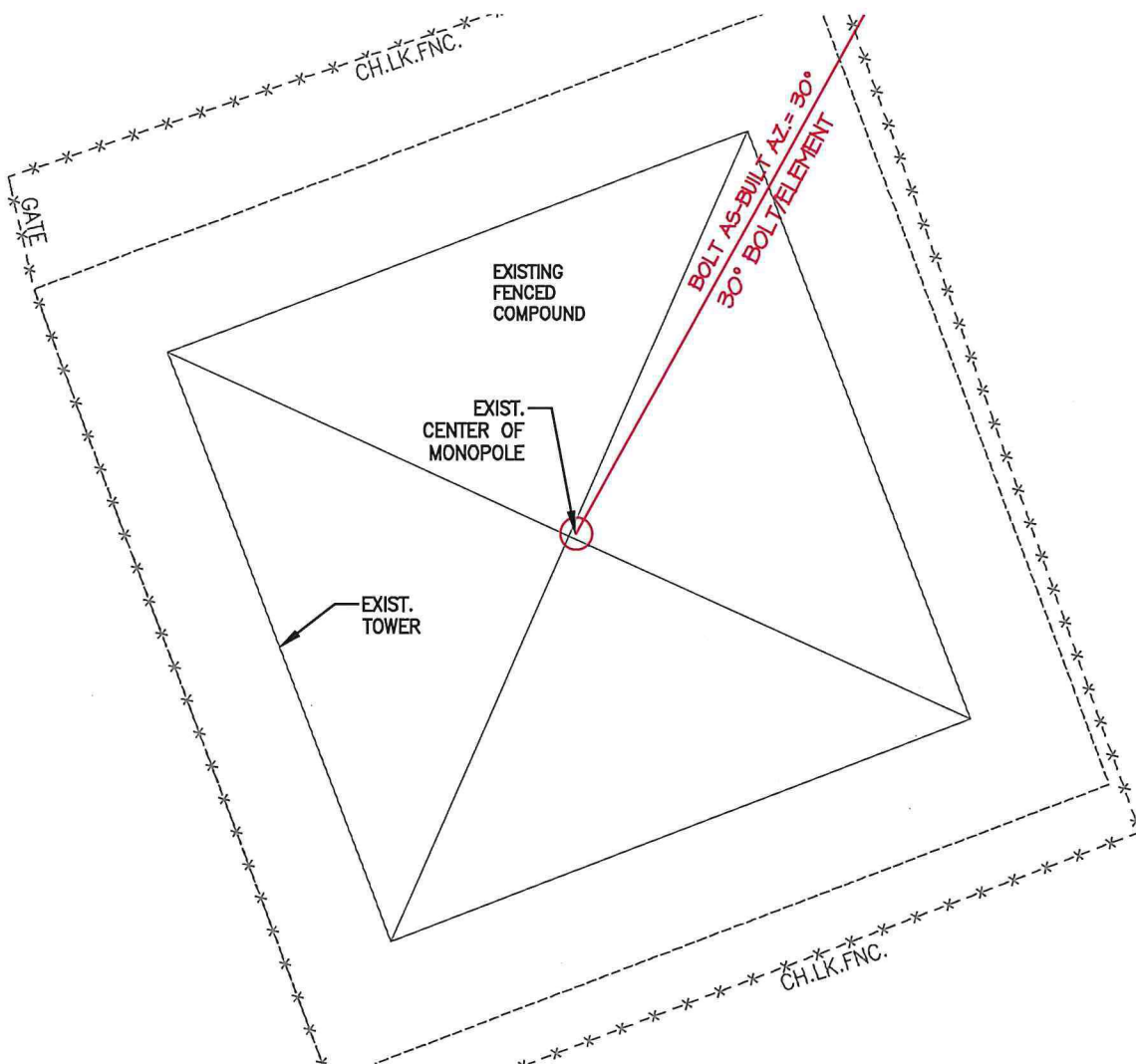


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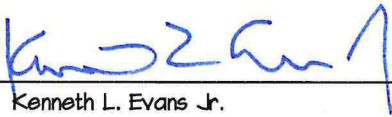
**Antenna Orientation – Land Surveyor's Report**

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WTOP-FM Washington, District of Columbia (Facility ID 11845)**



I hereby certify that I was in responsible charge of the preparation of this Antenna Azimuth As-Built and the surveying work reflected in it. The As-built Azimuth of 30° shown hereon is accurate to within +/- 2° and was field located from ground control established by GPS observation based on the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83/91) by Morris & Ritchie Associates, Inc. on 3/14/2020.

Surveyor Signature/Seal:  (SEAL)  
 Printed Name: Kenneth L. Evans Jr.  
 Professional Surveyor #: D.C. Land Surveyor No. LS905836  
 Company: Morris & Ritchie Associates, Inc.  
 Phone: 410-792-9792  
 Date: March 17, 2020



## WTOP ANTENNA AZIMUTH AS-BUILT

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SCALE: 1"=20'  
 DATE: 3/17/2020  
 JOB NO.: 19764  
 DRAWN BY: SAS  
 CHECKED BY: KLE  
 PLAT NO.: 1 OF 1

**Attachment III**

**Engineer's Certification**

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Washington DC FCC License Sub, LLC  
WTOP-FM  
3415 University Avenue, West  
St. Paul, MN 55114

**Engineer's Certification**

I, David C Garner do hereby certify that I oversaw the installation and survey of the WTOP-FM directional antenna referenced in the instant application. I have also recently inspected the combiner/filter installation specific to the directional WTOP-FM operation. I certify that the antenna and filter system is installed in compliance with all manufacturers' instructions and according to good engineering practice.

I further certify that I am an experienced broadcast engineer with 40+ years' experience in the field. I am the VP of Engineering for Hubbard Radio (WTOP-FM).

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "David C Garner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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**Attachment IV**

**Spurious Emissions / Intermodulation Products Report**

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# **Report Of Intermodulation Product Findings**

**Washington, D.C.  
ERI Antenna: 1183-4CP-DA-SP**

**WTOP                      103.5 MHz.**

*March 5, 2020*

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## REPORT OF FINDINGS

### WTOP

### 103.5 MHz.

**Introduction:** This report of findings is based on data collected at the WTOP broadcast facility located in Washington, D.C. The report includes measurements offered as proof that the operations of WTOP (103.5 MHz.), transmitter is in compliance with the FCC Rules and Regulations as required by the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 47 section 73.317 paragraph (b) through (d). In brief, the collection of measurements presented in this report shows that all possible third order inter-modulation (IM) products generated by this system are less than the maximum allowable level as required by section 73.317 (b) through (d). WAMU (88.5 MHz), WPFW (89.3 MHz.), WETA (90.0 MHz.), operates into the right slant of the antenna while WTOP (103.5 MHz.), operates into the left slant of the antenna on the tower. WMMJ (102.3 MHz.) and WPGC (95.5 MHz.), operate into separate antennas, that are co-located on the tower. Their effects on the station operating from the system are considered in this report. Jeff Taylor of Electronics Research, Inc. located in Chandler, Indiana performed the measurements summarized herein on March 5, 2020.

**The following exhibits are provided:**

Exhibit A:

- A-1 Drawing Depicting Antenna.
- A-2 1183-4CP-DA-SP Antenna Specification Sheet.
- A-3 Drawing Depicting Combiner.
- A-4 783-8 Constant Impedance Combiner Specification Sheet.
- A-5 Theoretical Vertical Plane Relative Field Antenna Plot

Exhibit B:

- B-1 Equipment Employed in Intermodulation Product Measurements.
- B-2 Broadcasting Scheme of the Broadcast Systems.
- Table 1. Carrier Reference Level.
- Table 2. Calculated Third Order Products.
- Table 3. Intermodulation Analysis Measurements.

**Exhibits Accompanying Report:** Exhibit A provides comprehensive information on the filters used by this radio station. Exhibit B illustrates the broadcasting scheme of each the station, the layout of the equipment used to isolate and measure potential intermodulation products and forward carrier reference levels. Found within Table 1 are the narrow band carrier frequency measurements that provide relative output signal levels for the IM analysis. Table 2 lists the calculated third order products that can be generated from FM transmitters broadcasting from the multi station broadcast facilities. The IM Analysis Measurements, in Table 3, provides detailed information obtained from the product frequency investigation.

**The Nature of Intermodulation Products (IM):** Intermodulation products result from inadequate transmitter-to-transmitter isolation. Intermodulation products are commonly generated from radio stations operating into multiplexed facilities and congested antenna broadcast sites. The mechanics associated with the phenomenon have been well documented. When two or more transmitters are coupled to each other, new spectral components are produced by the mixing of the station frequencies in the active circuits of each transmitter. The common term used to describe this phenomenon is third order product denoted by the mathematical expression  $[2(F_1)-(F_2)]$ , where  $F_1$  signifies the frequency of the transmitter that is generating the intermodulation product, and  $F_2$  signifies the frequency causing the interference.

**The Multiplexed System:** These measurements were taken with all FM stations operating from their respective antenna systems. The WAMU, WPFW, WETA, and WTOP, multiplexed system is fundamentally comprised of antenna, feed line and multiplexer unit. The 1183-4CP-DA-SP Cog antenna, 783-8 Constant Impedance combiner units, MACXLine 650 feedline, are products of Electronics Research, Inc. Refer to Exhibit B-1, for an illustration of the Broadcasting Scheme of these stations.

To accomplish the aggregation of four transmitter signals into a common antenna and provide transmitter-to-transmitter isolation, a multiplexing scheme consisting of: (4) 783-8 Constant Impedance combiner modules were installed for frequencies, 88.5, 89.3, 90.9, and 103.5 MHz. Note: WTOP (103.5 MHz.), has the ability to operate in non-directional mode but normally operates in directional mode on a separate 783-8 Constant Impedance Combiner module. Interconnecting “u-links” are required to complete the combiner which is illustrated in the attached Exhibit A-3. The multiplexer, fully assembled, exhibited transmitter port-to-port isolation in excess of -72 dB. Other performance measurements, such as match, loss, group-delay, etc, revealed that the multiplexer unit was in proper working condition. Refer to Exhibit A-4 for the Combiner Specification Sheet.

**The IM Investigation:** A directional couplers was placed at the output of the transmitter to monitor and maintain band pass performance. The coupler furnished with the system is factory calibrated and capable of delivering accurate and repeatable RF measurements. To facilitate the taking of the measurements, the coupler located at the transmitter output of the system was used. Care was taken in the selection of the measurement location to ensure that the measurements would be made far removed from transmitters and any filtering used to reduce broadcast emissions. The coupler selected would normally be used for antenna reflection measurements and thus would provide greater than -43 dB directivity and a forward signal sample of -45.8 dB.

The forward port of the coupler was used for sampling the outgoing carrier levels and IM products. The IM sampled signal was fed by shielded cable into a directional coupler where all extraneous energy was steeply attenuated. Various attenuation pads were used, when needed, on the Spectrum Analyzer to ensure an adequate signal level for measurements without overloading the measurement equipment. An IFR 2399A Spectrum Analyzer serial# 02113071 was employed to record the level of all signals investigated. A Copper Mountain S5048 Network Analyzer serial# 15077029 was used for selective tuning of the Band Pass Filter. The IFR Spectrum Analyzer was also used to measure the close in spectral attenuation of each carrier and wide band search for any anomalies that may need further investigation. See attached Exhibit B-1 for an illustration of the measurement equipment.

Prior to recording measurements, all pertinent broadcasting equipment including Transmitters, Filters, Feed Line and Antenna were adjusted to optimal performance. Also, it was confirmed before taking any measurements that all stations of concern were operating at their full licensed power level. From the equipment setup described above, the relative output signal level of each stations forward carrier was made. The resulting signal levels of these measurements are listed in Table 1, column labeled “Adjusted Level”. This level will be used as the reference level for possible IM products of the carrier and was necessary to confirm that no significant levels of spurious energy, referenced to each carrier, were present from any transmitter operating from the broadcast system.

**Table 1 – Carrier Reference Levels.**

<b>Carrier Frequency (MHz)</b>	<b>Pad One (dB)</b>	<b>Bandpass Filter Loss (dB)</b>	<b>Measured Level (dBm)</b>	<b>Adjusted Level (dBm)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>WTOP 103.5 MHz.</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24.62</b>	<b>27.62</b>	

Predictable third-order products due to system harmonics mixed with all on-site interfering frequencies that could be generated from the multiplexed system are calculated and listed in Table 2.

**Table 2 - Third Order Products.**

		Carrier Frequency
<b>Interfering Frequencies</b>		<b>103.5</b>
WAMU	88.5 MHz.	118.5
WPFW	89.3 MHz.	117.7
WETA	90.9 MHz.	116.1
WPGC	95.5 MHz.	111.5
WMMJ	102.3 MHz.	104.7
WTOP	103.5 MHz.	----

Using the equipment previously described the IM product measurements were recorded and are listed in Table 3. The signal levels referenced to the carriers are calculated and listed in the column labeled "Level Referenced to Carrier". Refer to Exhibit B-2 for a layout of the measurement equipment.

**Table 3 – Intermodulation Measurements**

IM Measurements Taken in Washington, D.C.										
Product Frequency (MHz)	Transmitter Frequency (MHz)	Interfering Frequency (MHz)	Pad (dB)	Bandpass Filter Loss (dB)	Total Loss	Measured Level (dB)	Adjusted Level (dB)	Carrier Reference Level (dB)	Level Referenced to Carrier (dB)	Notes*
<b>Transmitter Mixes</b>										
	<b>103.5</b>	<b>Ref.</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>24.62</b>	<b>27.62</b>	<b>27.62</b>		
104.7	103.5	102.3	3	11.3	14.3	-68.7	-54.4	27.62	<b>-82.02</b>	
111.5	103.5	95.5	3	10.7	13.7	-68.07	-54.37	27.62	<b>-81.99</b>	
116.1	103.5	90.9	3	10.7	13.7	-69.36	-55.66	27.62	<b>-83.28</b>	
117.7	103.5	89.3	3	9.9	12.9	-68.94	-56.04	27.62	<b>-83.66</b>	
118.5	103.5	88.5	3	10.5	13.5	-67.47	-53.97	27.62	<b>-81.59</b>	

The Spectrum Analyzer was used to check the close in spectral attenuation of the carrier to confirm the operation of the transmitter is in compliance with Sections (b) and (c) of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

As a final proof of the systems IM Product performance, a wide band search was undertaken using the Spectrum Analyzer. The purpose for this measurement was to look for suspicious anomalies that may warrant further investigation. My search ranged the complete frequency span of the receiver and resulted in no additional investigations.

**Conclusion:** Based upon my observations and measurements taken on March 5, 2020 as summarized in this document, I, Jeff Taylor, find the subject system-specifically the transmitter, combiner, and antenna system for the operation of WTOP into the antenna to be in proper working order. Furthermore, based on the measured data, it is my opinion that there are no inter-modulation products in excess of 80 dB below carrier levels. Based on this recorded data, I conclude that WPGC is in compliance with the requirements of Section 73.317 paragraph (b) through (d) of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Electronics Research, Inc.

Jeff Taylor, Field Technician

State of Indiana) ) SS:  
County of Warrick)

# AFFIDAVIT

I, Jeff Taylor, hereby declare that the following statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief :

- 1.) I am a Field Technician for Electronics Research, Inc (“ERI”) and have been employed by ERI for 24 years. I am familiar with and have assisted in the design, manufacturing and installation of FM Antennas and FM Multiplexers in my long tenure with ERI.
- 2.) I have either prepared and/or directly supervised the preparation of all technical information contained in this Report of Findings and to my knowledge to be accurate and true.
- 3.) ERI has been requested by Hubbard Broadcasting on behalf of radio Station WTOP in Washington, D.C. to prepare this Report of Findings.

Jeff Taylor; Field Technician

*[Signature]*

*Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 13th, day of March, 2020.*

Cindy D. Tomes; Notary Public  
My commission expires September 17, 2022

Cindy D. Jones







**A-2 ERI Antenna Specification Sheet**

Washington, D.C.

**General Specifications**

Antenna Type ..... High Power FM-Broadcast  
 Model Number ..... 1183-4CP-DA-SP  
 Number of Bay Levels ..... Four  
 Polarization..... Left Hand Circular

**Electrical Specifications**

Antenna Input Power Capability ..... 21 kW Max <sup>(1)</sup>  
 Operating Frequency Band..... 103.5 Megahertz.  
 VSWR. .... <1.00:1 @ Operating Frequency <sup>(2)</sup>  
 Azimuthal Pattern Circularity ..... Better Then +/- 1.5dB From RMS (Free Space)  
 Power Split ..... 50/50 (Horizontal & Vertical)  
 Frequency Specific Information:

<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Station ERP</u>	<u>Beam Tilt</u>	<u>First Null Fill</u>	<u>Second Null Fill</u>	<u>Power Gain</u>	<u>Line Loss</u> <sup>(3)</sup>	<u>Filter Loss</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>Computed TPO</u>
103.5	44 kW	-0.41°	6.9 %	9.1%	2.651	0.762 dB	0.269 dB	21.04 kW

**Mechanical Specifications**

Antenna Feed System..... Fed with One Line  
 Input Connector ..... 3 1/8"-50 Ohm EIA Flanged  
 Element Deicing..... None  
 Interbay Spacing..... 100" Center to Center  
 Array Length ..... 33.33 Feet  
 Construction Material (Antenna)..... All Noncorrosive  
 Construction Material (Mounting) ..... Galvanized and Stainless Steel

1) Power Capability Has Been Rated Assuming an Operating Transmission VSWR of 1.5:1

2) VSWR Specification Achieved After on Site Tuning for User Specific Frequencies.

3) Line Loss Assumes A Feed Run of 471 Feet, 3 1/8" HJ8-50B Comscope Heliax and 86 Feet of 3 1/8" ERI Rigid.

**N/A**

**A-4 ERI Combiner Specification Sheet**

TRANSMISSION SITE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

**General Specifications:**

Multiplexer Type ..... Constant Impedance  
Number of Combining Units ..... One  
Injected Port to Injected Port Isolation..... < - 72 dB  
Output Connector..... 3 1/8 "50 Ohm EIA (Flanged)  
Output Power (Designed) ..... 22 kW<sup>(1)</sup>

Heat Removal ..... Natural Convection Cooling  
Physical Arrangement..... Rack Mounted

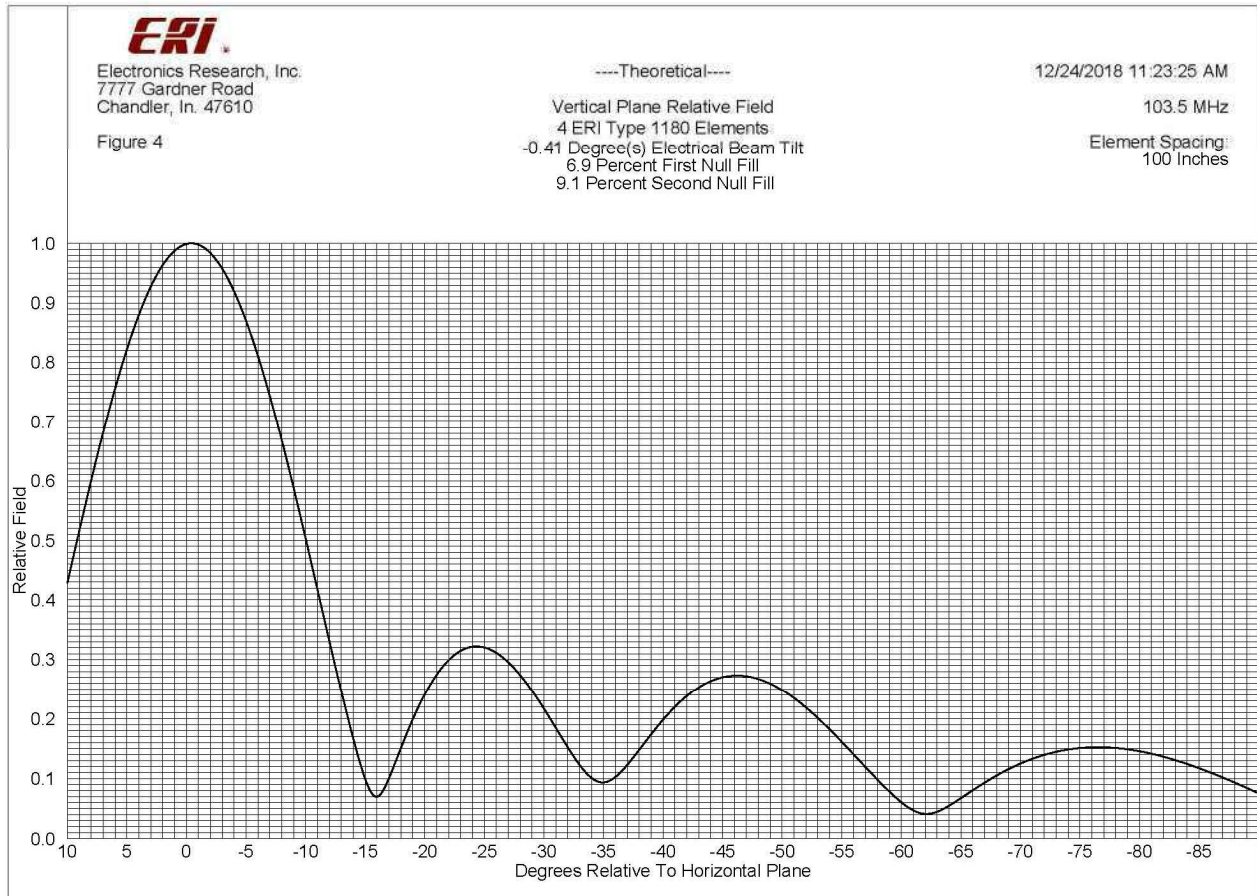
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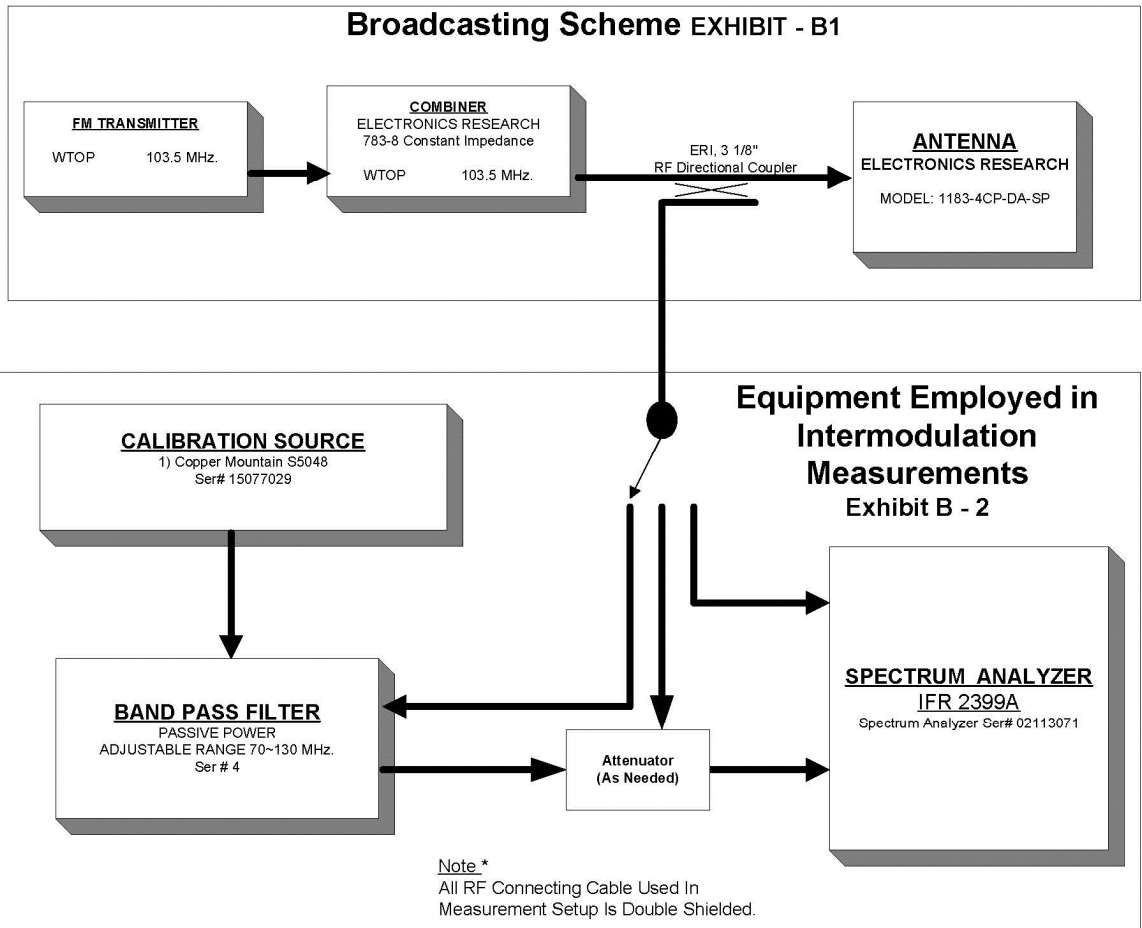
Frequency Assignment ..... 103.5 MHz.  
Power Rating, Each Injected Port (Designed) ..... 21.04 kW 103.5 MHz.  
Input Connector ..... 3-1/8" 50 Ohm EIA (Flanged).  
VSWR..... < 1.07:1 @ +/-200 KHz.<sup>(2)</sup>  
Group Delay..... Less than 150 ns Overall Variation, Carrier @ +/- 150 KHz.  
Insertion Loss (Measured):

103.5 MHz. .... - 0.269 dB

1) Power Rating Listed is as Designed Only. Actual Power Capabilities May Vary.

2) When Terminated in 50 Ohm Resistive Load.





**Broadcasting Scheme and Equipment Employed in  
Intermodulation Measurements**

**EXHIBIT B**