

Report Of Intermodulation Product Findings

Geyserville, CA.

KRSH – 95.9 MHz.

KNOB – 96.7 MHz.

KXTS – 98.7 MHz.

KSXY – 100.9 MHz.

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REPORT OF FINDINGS GEYSERVILLE, CALIFORNIA BROADCAST FACILITY

Introduction: This report of findings is based on data collected at the FM broadcast facility located in Geyserville, CA. The report includes measurements offered as proof that the combined operations of KRSH (95.9 MHz.), KNOB (96.7 MHz.), KXTS (98.7 MHz.), and KSXY (100.9 MHz.), transmitters are 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 multiplexed and single station systems are less than the maximum allowable level as required by section 73.317 (b) through (d). Jeff Taylor of Electronics Research, Inc. located in Chandler, Indiana performed the measurements summarized herein on November 18, 2020.

The following exhibits are provided:

Exhibit A:

- A-1 Drawing Depicting Cog Antenna.
- A-2 SHPX-6AC-HW-SP Antenna Specification Sheet.
- A-3 Drawing Depicting Multiplexed Scheme.
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- B-1 Equipment Employed In Intermodulation Product Measurement.
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- Table 1. Carrier Reference Levels.
- Table 2. Calculated Third Order Products.
- Table 3. Intermodulation Analysis Measurements.

Exhibits Accompanying Report: Exhibit A provides comprehensive information on both antenna and filters used by these radio stations. Exhibit B illustrates the broadcasting scheme of each 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 multiplexed system. 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 the antenna system. The KRSH, KNOB, KXTS, and KSXY, multiplexed system is fundamentally comprised of antenna, feed line and multiplexer unit. The SHPX-6AC-HW-SP antenna, 955-6 Constant Impedance combiner units, 955 Bandpass units, and MACXLine 350 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 feed and provide transmitter-to-transmitter isolation, a multiplexing scheme consisting of: (1) 955-6 Constant Impedance combiner module for frequency 100.9 MHz, (2) 955-4 Bandpass units for frequencies 95.9 and 96.7 MHz, and (1) 955-3 Bandpass unit for frequency 98.7 MHz. Interconnecting "T's" on the output of the bandpass filters into the broad port of the constant impedance combiner 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 -44 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: Directional Couplers were placed at key locations throughout the combiner to monitor and maintain the multiplexer's performance. All couplers furnished with the system are factory calibrated and capable of delivering accurate and repeatable RF measurements. To facilitate the taking of the measurements, the coupler located at the antenna output of the multiplexed 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 -39 dB directivity and a forward signal sample of -41 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 Band Pass Filter where all extraneous energy was steeply attenuated. Various attenuation pads were used, when needed, on the band pass filter and/or the Spectrum Analyzer to ensure an adequate signal level for measurements without overloading the measurement equipment. A Rohde & Schwarz Spectrum Analyzer serial# 103069 was employed to record the level of all signals investigated. A Rohde & Schwarz Network Analyzer serial# 100396 was used for selective tuning of the Band Pass Filter. The Rohde & Schwarz 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, Multiplexer, Feed Line and Antenna were adjusted to optimal performance. Also, it was confirmed before taking any measurements that all transmitters were operating at full licensed power. 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 each 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 multiplexed system.

Table 1 - Carrier Reference Levels.

Carrier Frequency (MHz)	Pad One (dB)	Full Scale Range (dB)	Scale Reading (dBm)	Carrier Level (dBm)	Notes
KRSH 95.9	3	---	13.6	16.6	
KNOB 96.7	3	---	13.5	16.5	
KXTS 98.7	3	---	13.9	16.9	
KSXY 100.9	3	---	13.9	16.9	

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 Frequencies				
Interfering Frequencies	95.9	96.7	98.7	100.9
95.9 MHz.	----	97.5	101.5	105.9
96.7 MHz.	95.1	----	100.7	105.1
98.7 MHz.	93.1	94.7	----	103.1
100.9 MHz.	90.9	92.5	96.5	----

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 Geyserville, California										
Product Frequency (MHz)	Transmitter Frequency (MHz)	Interfering Frequency (MHz)	Pad (dB)	Bandpass Filter Loss (dB)	Total Loss	Measured Level (dBm)	Adjusted Level (dBm)	Carrier Reference Level (dBm)	Level Referenced to Carrier (dBm)	Notes*
Transmitter Mixes										
	95.9	Ref.	3		3	13.6	16.6	16.6		
	96.7	Ref.	3		3	13.5	16.5	16.5		
	98.7	Ref.	3		3	13.9	16.9	16.9		
	100.9	Ref.	3		3	13.9	16.9	16.9		
90.9	95.9	100.9	3	12.8	15.8	-85.39	-69.59	16.6	-86.19	
92.5	96.7	100.9	3	12.5	15.5	-86.1	-70.6	16.5	-87.1	
93.1	95.9	98.7	3	12.6	15.6	-85.7	-70.1	16.6	-86.7	
94.7	96.7	98.7	3	12.6	15.6	-83.46	-67.86	16.5	-84.36	
95.1	95.9	96.7	3	12.4	15.4	-82.5	-67.1	16.6	-83.7	
96.5	98.7	100.9	3	12.4	15.4	-82.03	-66.63	16.9	-83.53	
97.5	96.7	95.9	3	12.3	15.3	-82.8	-67.5	16.5	-84	
100.7	98.7	96.7	3	12.2	15.2	-82.2	-67	16.9	-83.9	
101.5	98.7	95.9	3	12.2	15.2	-83.9	-68.7	16.9	-85.6	
103.1	100.9	98.7	3	12.3	15.3	-81.85	-66.55	16.9	-83.45	
105.1	100.9	96.7	3	12.1	15.1	-82.7	-67.6	16.9	-84.5	
105.9	100.9	95.9	3	12.1	15.1	-85.3	-70.2	16.9	-87.1	

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 November 18, 2020 as summarized in this document, I, Jeff Taylor, find the subject system, specifically the transmitters and filter systems for the operation of KRSH, KNOB, KXTS, and KSXY into their respective antennas 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 generated from or within the station operating on the installed system. Based on this recorded data, I conclude that KRSH, KNOB, KXTS, and KSXY, are 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 Wine Country Radio on behalf of radio Stations KRSH, KNOB, KXTS, and KSXY in Geyserville, CA. to prepare this Report Of Findings.

Jeff Taylor; Field Technician

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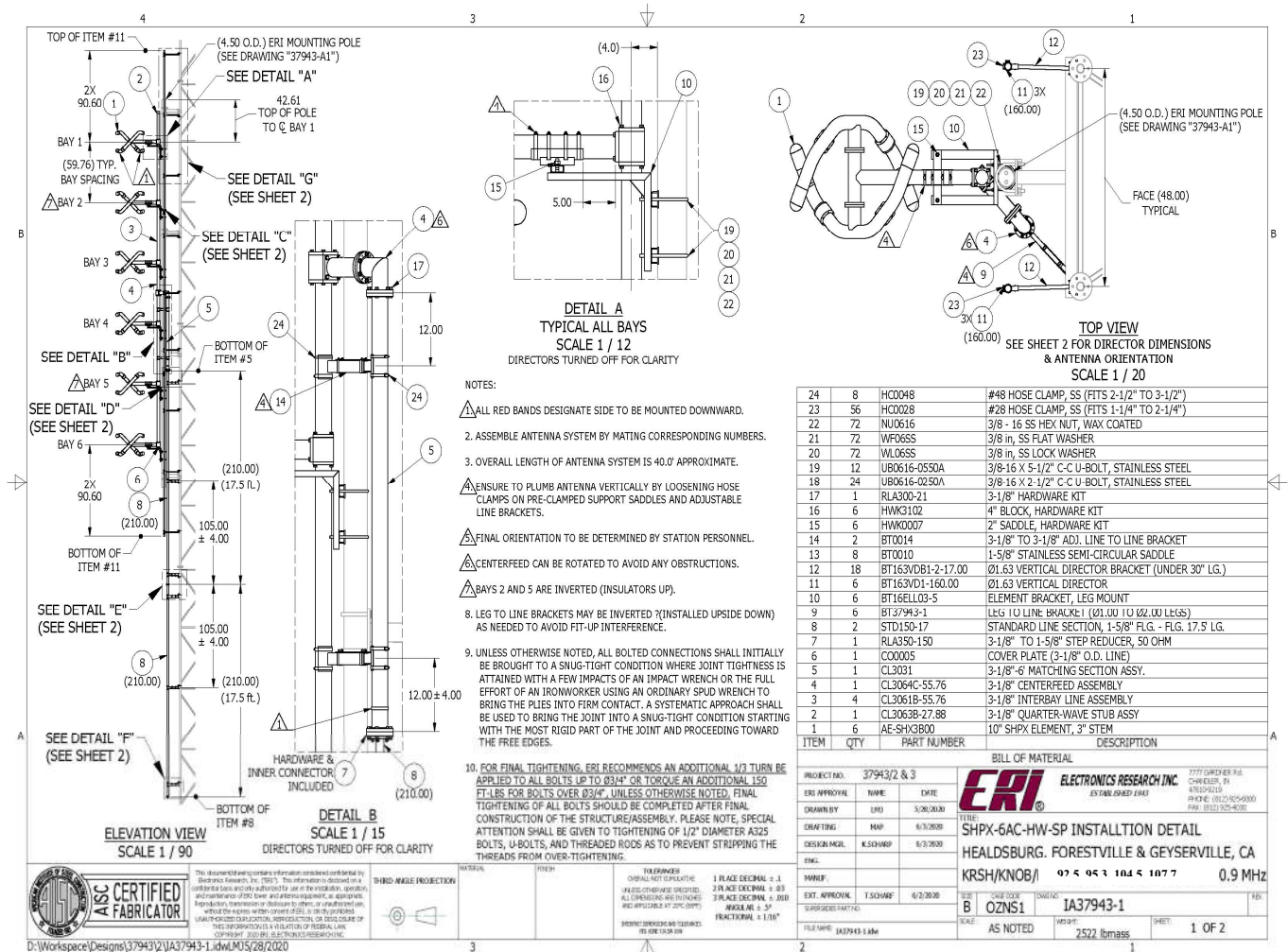
Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 19th, day of November, 2020.

Matt Ruedlinger; Notary Public
Warrick County Commission # 655602
My commission expires July 14, 2022

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EXHIBIT, A-1



A-2 ERI 1183 Antenna Specification Sheet

TRANSMISSION SITE

GEYSERVILLE, CA.

General Specifications

Antenna TypeHigh Power FM-Broadcast, Suitable For Multiplexing
 Model NumberSHPX-6AC-HW-SP
 Number of Bay Levels Six
 Polarization..... Right Hand Circular Polarized

Electrical Specifications

Antenna Input Power Capability 6.55 kW Max ⁽¹⁾
 Operating Frequency Band 95.9 ~ 100.9 Megahertz.
 VSWR. <1.06:1 @ Operating Frequencies⁽²⁾
 Azimuthal Pattern Circularity Better Than +/- 2dB 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> ⁽³⁾	<u>Filter Loss</u> ⁽⁴⁾	<u>Computed TPO</u>
95.9	2.75 KW	0.0°	4.3 %	0.0 %	1.862	-0.099 dB	-0.529 dB	1.707 kW
96.7	2.75 KW	0.0°	2.9 %	0.0 %	1.880	-0.099 dB	-0.528 dB	1.690 kW
98.7	2.75 KW	0.0°	0.5 %	0.0 %	1.918	-0.099 dB	-0.329 dB	1.582 kW
100.9	2.75 KW	0.0°	4.4 %	0.0 %	1.949	-0.101 dB	-0.364 dB	1.570 kW

Mechanical Specifications

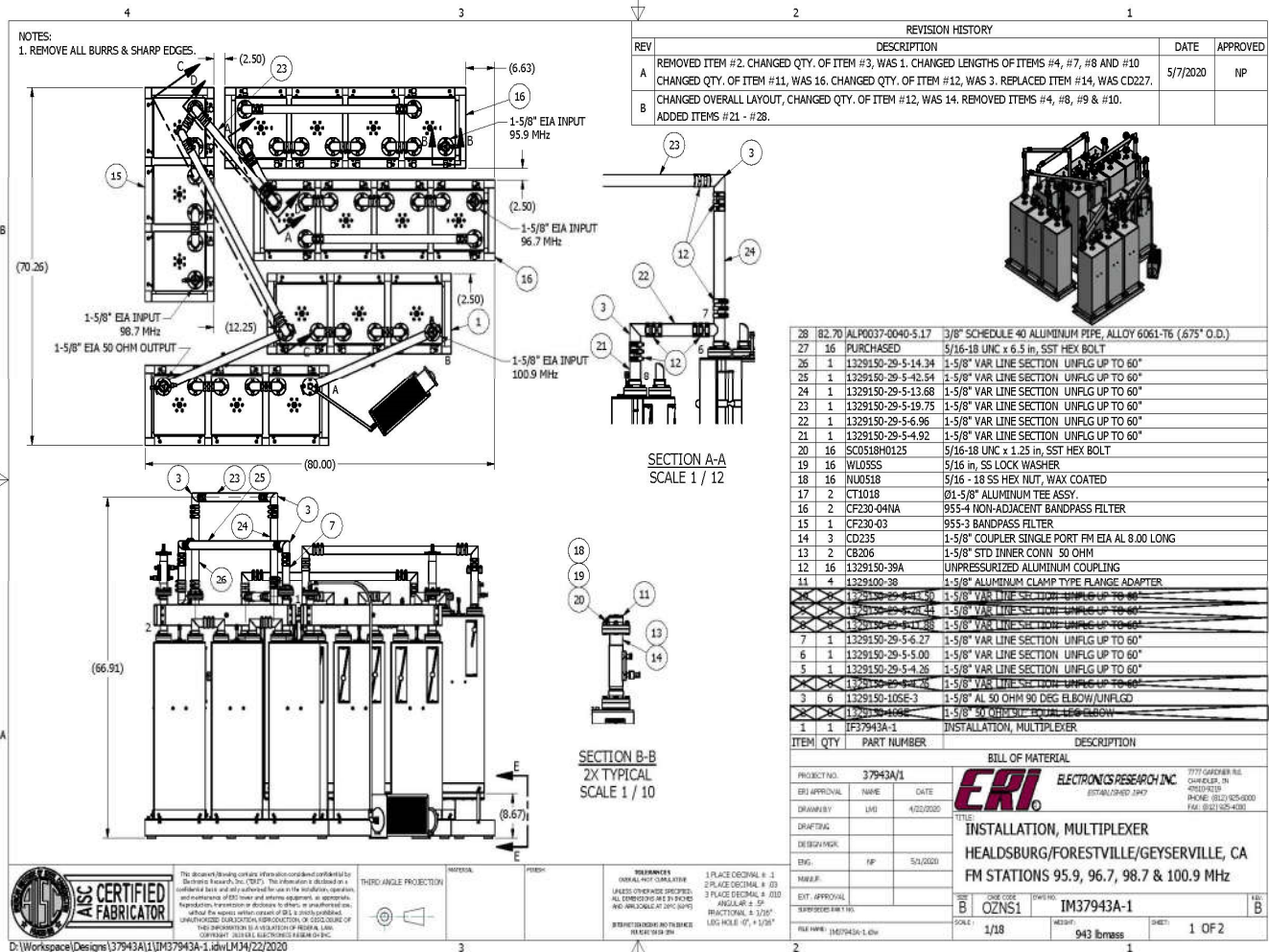
Antenna Feed System.....Single Input
 Input Connector3 1/8"50-Ohm EIA Flanged
 Element Deicing.....None
 Interbay Spacing..... 59.76" Center to Center
 Array Length 25.15 Feet
 Construction Material (Antenna)..... Galvanized Plated Steel and Stainless Steel

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 206 Feet of ERI MACXLine 3 1/8" Rigid 17.5 Foot Sticks.

4) Losses Taken from Actual Combiner.



A-4 ERI Combiner Specification Sheet

TRANSMISSION SITE

GEYSERVILLE, CA.

General Specifications:

Multiplexer Type Constant Impedance, "T", and Branch
Number of Combining Units Four
Injected Port to Injected Port Isolation < - 72 dB
Output Connector 1 5/8 "50 Ohm EIA (Flanged)
Output Power (Designed) 6.55 kW⁽¹⁾

Heat Removal Natural Convection Cooling
Physical Arrangement Floor Standing

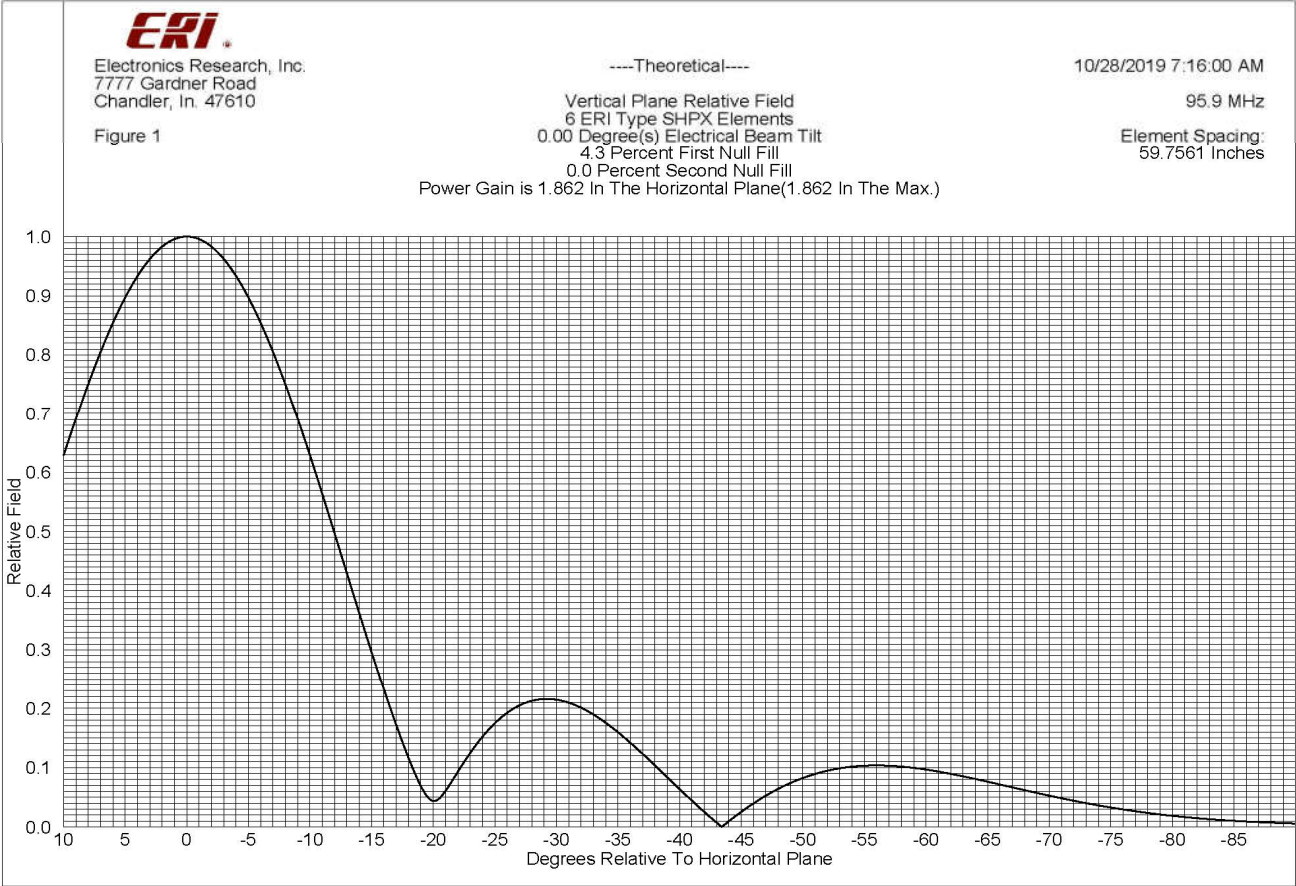
Injected Port Specifications:

Frequency Assignment 95.9 ~ 100.9 MHz.
Power Rating, Each Injected Port (Designed)..... 1.7 kW 95.9 MHz, 1.69 kW 96.7 MHz.
Power Rating, Each Injected Port (Designed)..... 1.58 kW 98.7 MHz, 1.57 kW 100.9 MHz.
Input Connector 1-5/8" 50 Ohm EIA (Flanged).
VSWR..... < 1.09:1 @ +/-200 KHz.⁽²⁾
Group Delay Less than 250 ns Overall Variation, Carrier @ +/- 150 KHz.
Insertion Loss (Measured):

95.9 MHz. - 0.529 dB
96.7 MHz. - 0.528 dB
98.7 MHz. - 0.329 dB
100.9 MHz. - 0.364 dB

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

2) When Terminated in 50 Ohm Resistive Load.



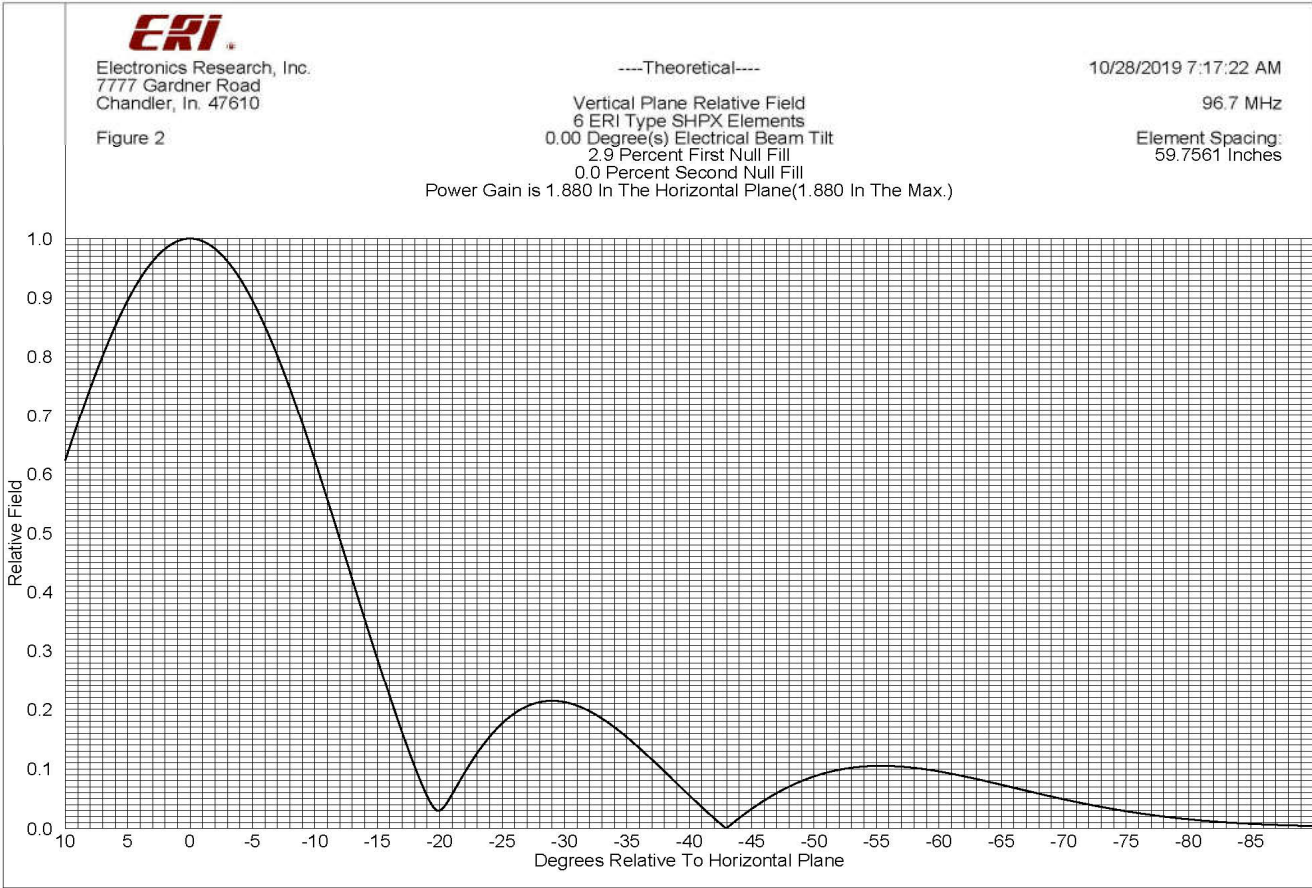
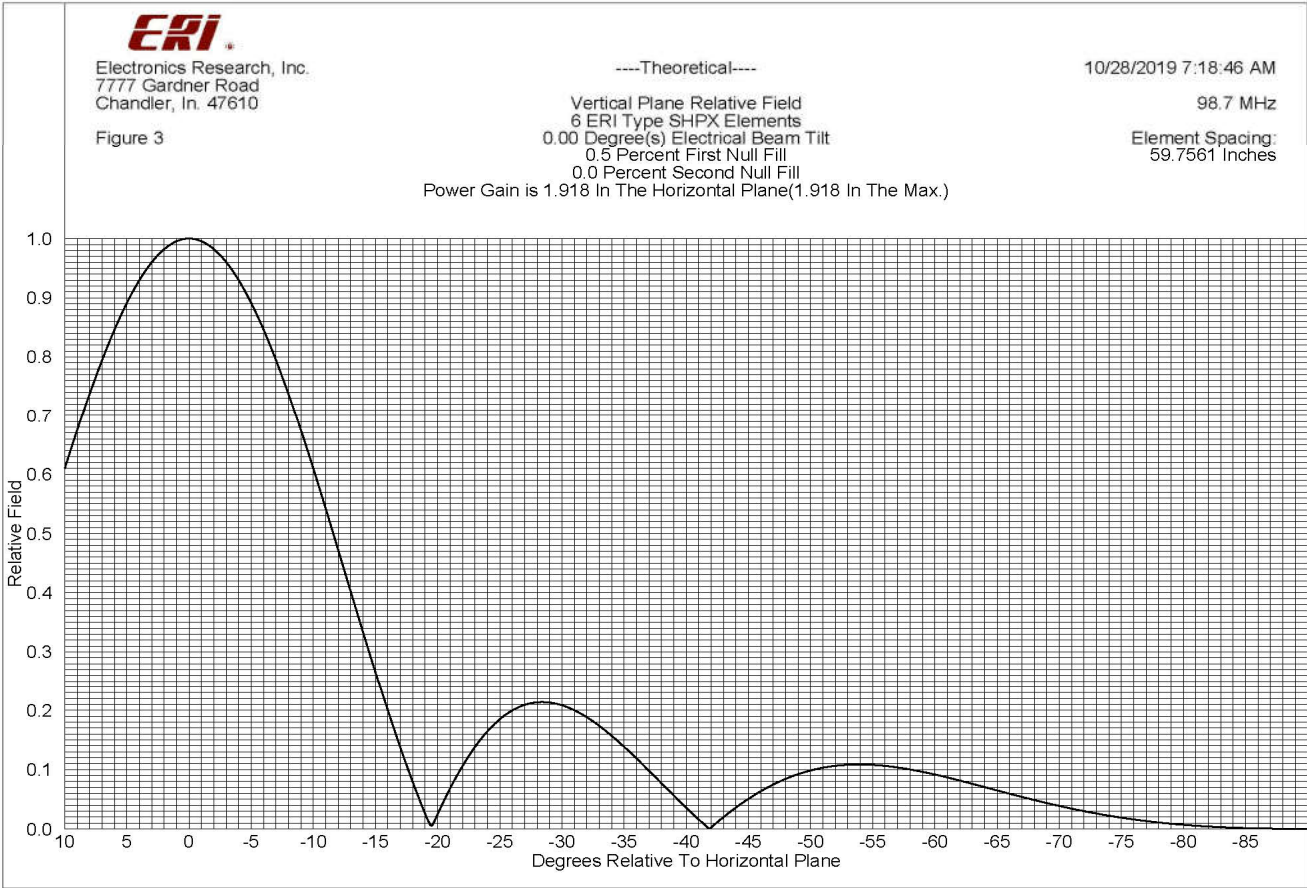
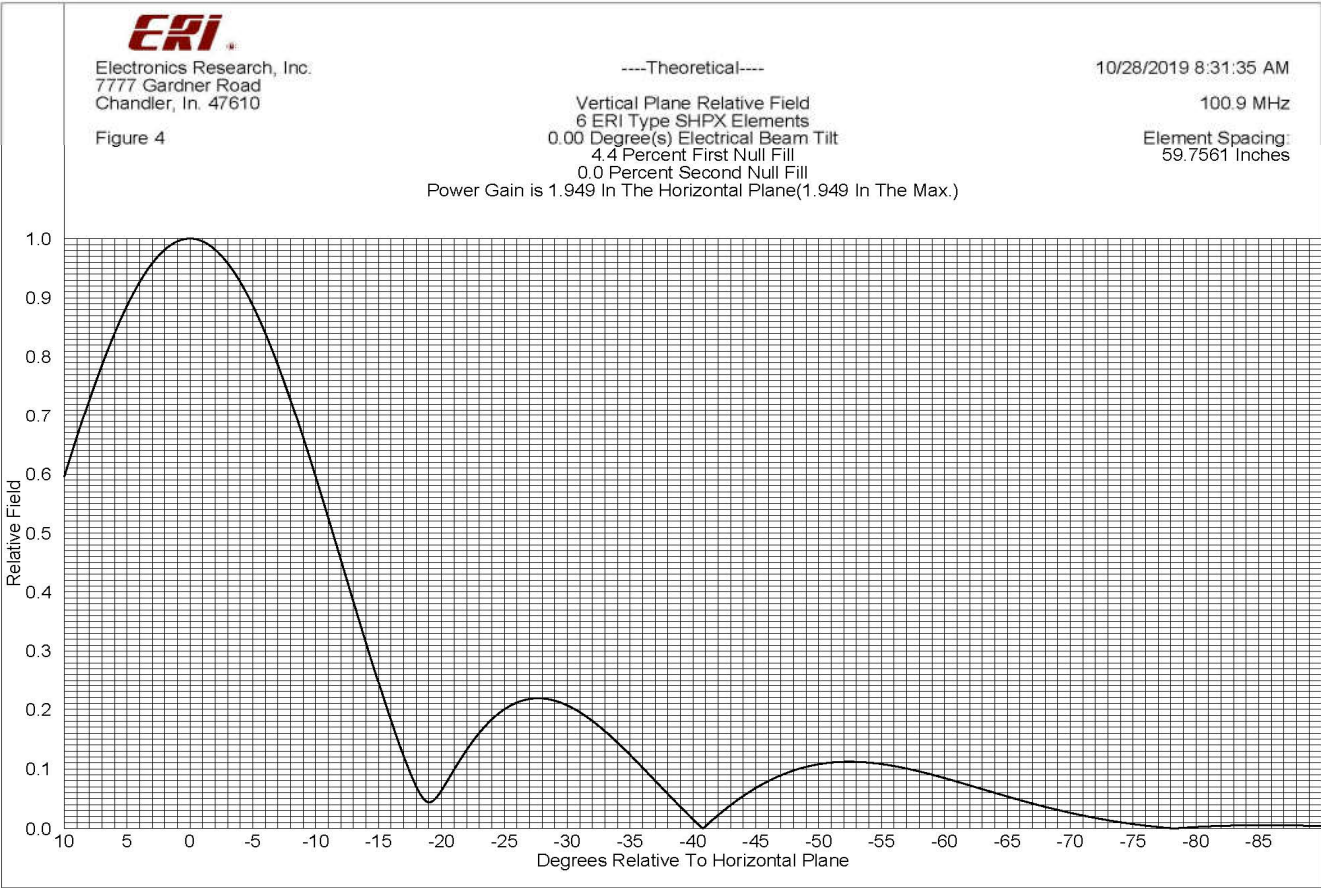


EXHIBIT A – 5





Broadcasting Scheme and Equipment Employed in Intermodulation Measurements

