

Report Of Intermodulation Product Findings

**KQMV 92.5 MHz Seattle, WA
KNUC 98.9 MHz Seattle, WA**

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REPORT OF FINDINGS

KQMV / KNUC

92.5 MHz / 98.9 MHz

Introduction: This report of findings is based on data collected at the KQMV and KNUC broadcast facility located on Cougar Mountain, WA. The report includes measurements offered as proof that the combined operations of KQMV (92.5 MHz) and KNUC (98.9 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 duplex system are less than the maximum allowable level as required by section 73.317 (b) through (d). Troy Knotts of Electronics Research, Inc. located in Chandler, Indiana performed the measurements summarized herein on July 25, 2019.

The following exhibits are provided:

Exhibit A:

- A-1 Drawing Depicting Antenna.
- A-2 SHPX-6AC-HW-SP Antenna Specification Sheet.
- A-3 Drawing Depicting Multiplexed Scheme.
- A-4 Multiplexer Specification Sheet.
- A-5 Theoretical Vertical Plane Relative Field Antenna Plots

Exhibit B:

- B-1 Equipment Employed in Intermodulation Product Measurement.
 - B-2 Broadcasting Scheme of the Multiplexed Systems.
- 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 both FM stations operating from the combined antenna system. The KQMV and KNUC multiplexed system is fundamentally comprised of antenna, feed line and multiplexer unit. The SHPX-6AC-HW-SP (antenna), combiner units, and the rigid feedline are products of Electronics Research, Inc. while the coaxial feedline is a product of Andrew. Refer to Exhibit B-1, for an illustration of the Broadcasting Scheme of these stations.

To accomplish the aggregation of two transmitter signals into a common antenna feed and provide transmitter-to-transmitter isolation, a multiplexing scheme consisting of a 783-4 series FM “TEE” Combiner. Specifically, the combiner uses two ERI Model 783-4 modules for each frequency (92.5 MHz and 98.9 MHz). An interconnecting “T” is 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 -89 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 -40 dB directivity and a forward signal sample of -46 dB.

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. An IFR Spectrum Analyzer (Model #2399A; Serial #02113071) was employed to record the level of all signals investigated. A Copper Mountain VNA (Model #S5048; Serial #15077025) was used for selective tuning of the Band Pass Filter. The IFR was 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 A-2 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 both transmitters were operating at maximum 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)	Bandpass Filter Loss (dB)	Measured Level (dBm)	Adjusted Level (dBm)	Notes
92.5	10	-	12.75	22.75	
98.9	10	-	13.03	23.03	

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.

Interfering Frequencies	Carrier Frequencies	
	92.5	98.9
92.5 MHz	---	105.3
93.3 MHz	91.7	104.5
95.7 MHz	89.3	102.1
98.9 MHz	86.1	---
101.5 MHz	83.5	96.3
105.3 MHz	79.7	92.5
106.9 MHz	78.1	90.9

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 on Cougar Mountain, WA										
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										
	92.5		10		10	12.75	22.75	22.75		
	98.9		10		10	13.03	23.03	23.03		
78.1	92.5	106.9	10	11.57	21.57	-92.52	-70.95	22.75	-93.7	
79.7	92.5	105.3	10	11.64	21.64	-90.94	-69.3	22.75	-92.05	
83.5	92.5	101.5	10	11.27	21.27	-92.63	-71.36	22.75	-94.11	
86.1	92.5	98.9	10	10.98	20.98	-91.83	-70.85	22.75	-93.6	
89.3	92.5	95.7	10	10.9	20.9	-77.67	-56.77	22.75	-79.52	<i>Local Carrier</i>
90.9	98.9	106.9	10	10.79	20.79	-91.58	-70.79	23.03	-93.82	
91.7	92.5	93.3	10	10.71	20.71	-91.05	-70.34	22.75	-93.09	
92.5	98.9	105.3	10	10.76	20.76	-13.84	6.92	23.03	-16.11	<i>Local Carrier</i>
96.3	98.9	101.5	10	10.56	20.56	-90.08	-69.52	23.03	-92.55	
102.1	98.9	95.7	10	10.31	20.31	-90.61	-70.3	23.03	-93.33	
104.5	98.9	93.3	10	10.28	20.28	-52.25	-31.97	23.03	-55	<i>Local Carrier</i>
105.3	98.9	92.5	10	10.36	20.36	-49.83	-29.47	23.03	-52.5	<i>Local Carrier</i>

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.

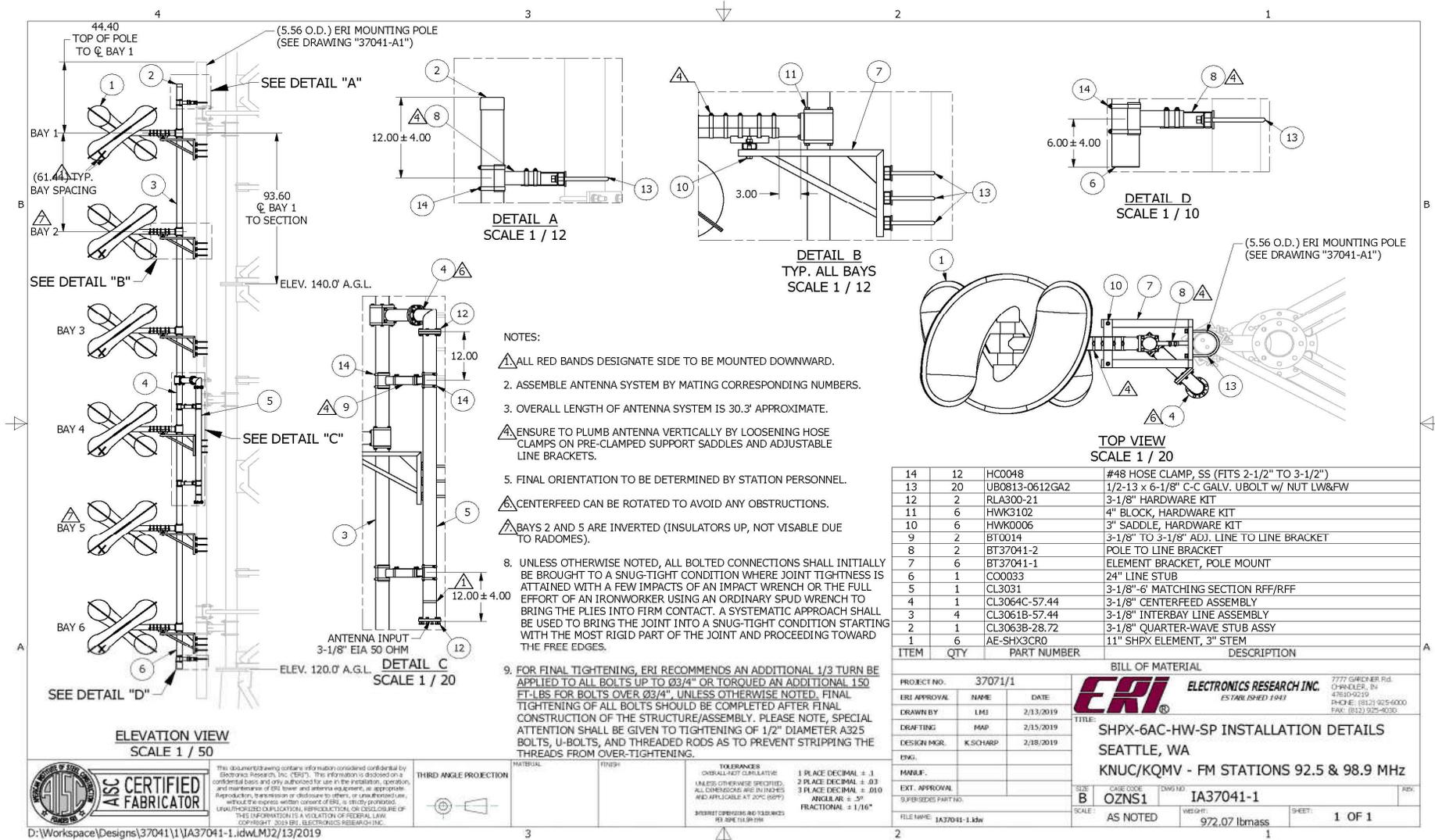
As a final proof of the systems IM Product performance, a wide band search was undertaken using the Spectrum Analyzer. The purpose for this measurement was to look for suspicious anomalies that may warrant further investigation. My search ranged the complete frequency span of the receiver and resulted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

Conclusion: Based upon my observations and measurements taken on July 25, 2019 as summarized in this document, I, Troy Knotts, find the subject system, specifically the transmitter and filter system for the operation of KQMV and KNUC 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 generated from or within the station operating on the installed system. Based on this recorded data, I conclude that KQMV and KNUC 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.

Troy Knotts, Field Technician

EXHIBIT A-1



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A-2 ERI Antenna Specification Sheet

MULTIPLEXED TRANSMISSION SITE

Seattle, Washington

General Specifications

Antenna Type High Power FM-Broadcast, Suitable For Multiplexing
 Model Number SHPX-6AC-HW-SP
 Number of Bay Levels Six
 Polarization Right Hand Circular

Electrical Specifications

Antenna Input Power Capability 39 kW Max ⁽¹⁾
 Operating Frequency Band..... 92.5 ~ 98.9 Megahertz.
 VSWR. Better than 1.03:1 @ Operating Frequencies⁽²⁾
 Azimuthal Pattern Circularity Better Than +/- 1dB 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>
92.5	16.173 KW	0.0°	5.7 %	0.0 %	1.844	-0.241 dB	-.251 dB	10 kW
98.9	17.142 KW	0.0°	5.7 %	0.0 %	1.958	-0.249 dB	-.281 dB	10 kW

Mechanical Specifications

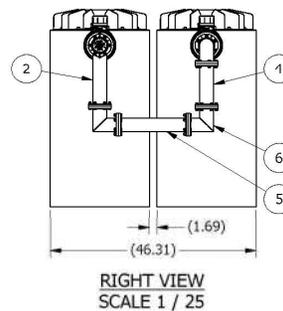
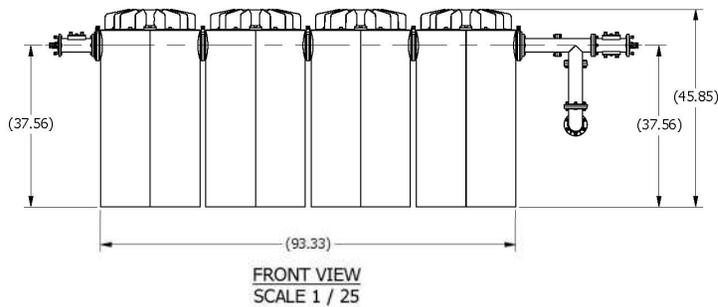
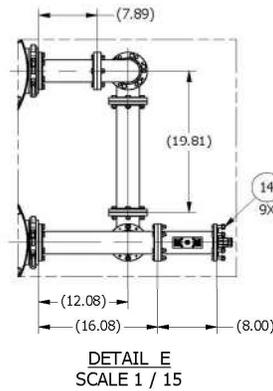
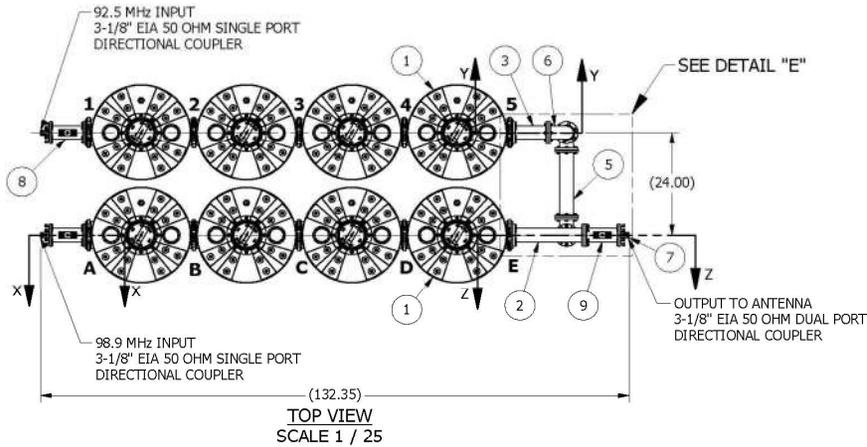
Antenna Feed System..... Fed with One 3 1/8” Line
 Input Connector 3 1/8”-50 Ohm EIA Flanged
 Element Deicing..... Radomes
 Interbay Spacing..... 61.442” Center to Center
 Array Length 27.99 Feet
 Construction Material (Antenna) All Non-Corrosive
 Construction Material (Mounting)..... All Stainless Steel

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 120 Feet of HJ7-50A Flex and 85 Feet of ERI 3 1/8” Rigid. Section Lengths 17.5’.
 4) Losses Taken from Actual Combiner.

EXHIBIT A-3

- NOTES:
 1. REMOVE ALL BURRS & SHARP EDGES.
 2. ASSEMBLE FILTER BY MATING CORRESPONDING LETTERS AND NUMBERS.

REVISION HISTORY			
REV	DESCRIPTION	DATE	APPROVED
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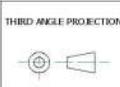


ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
18	24	WL06SS	3/8 in, SS LOCK WASHER
17	24	SC0616H0100	3/8-16 UNC x 1 in, SST HEX BOLT
16	4	NU0518BZ	5/16 - 18 BRONZE HEX NUT
15	4	SC0518T0450	5/16-18 X 4.50\" T-BOLT
14	4	RLA300-21	3-1/8\" HARDWARE KIT
13	4	FI0284	INPUT ADAPTER
12	4	FI0001	6-1/4\" O.D. X .128\" WALL BRASS TUBE
11	4	CM0036	6\" MARMAN CLAMP
10	4	CF0099	6\" MARMAN TO 3-1/8\" ADAPTER
9	1	DC3005-AL	3-1/8\" DIRECTIONAL COUPLER (DUAL)
8	2	DC3003-AL	3-1/8\" DIRECTIONAL COUPLER
7	5	CCA3101A-3	3-1/8\" INNER CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY
6	3	1329350-10SE	90 DEG FLANGED ELBOW ASSEMBLY
5	1	1329350-5-15.622	3-1/8\" EIA ALUM. LINE SECT., 15.622\" LONG
4	1	1329350-5-10.160	3-1/8\" EIA ALUM. LINE SECT., 10.160\" LONG
3	1	1329350-5-7.891	3-1/8\" EIA ALUM. LINE SECT., 7.891\" LONG
2	1	CT37041-1	3-1/8\" FLANGED TEE, ALUMINUM
1	2	783-4-00-66	FM BAND PASS FILTER (4) CAV., FLOOR MTD, CONVECTION COOLED

BILL OF MATERIAL			
PROJECT NO.	37041/12	ELECTRONICS RESEARCH INC. ESTABLISHED 1943 7777 GARDNER RD. CHANDLER, IN 46504-9219 PHONE: (812) 925-6000 FAX: (812) 925-4000	
ERI APPROVAL	NAME: HRH DATE: 2/14/2019		
DRAWN BY	HRH	TITLE: MULTIPLEXER INSTALLATION LAYOUT	
DESIGN MGR.	JTR	783-4 SERIES FM TEE/BRANCH COMBINER	
ENG.	JTR	SEATTLE, WA - KQMV 92.5 MHz/ KNUC 98.9MHz	
MANUF.		SCALE: NOTED	
EXT. APPROVAL		SHEET: 1 OF 2	
SUPERSEDES PART NO.		REV: A	
FILE NAME: IM37041-1.lbr		WEIGHT: 859.47 lbmass	



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MATERIAL	FINISH

TOLERANCES	1 PLACE DECIMAL = .1
OVERALL-NOT CUMULATIVE	2 PLACE DECIMAL = .03
UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED,	3 PLACE DECIMAL = .010
ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES	ANGULAR = .2°
AND APPLICABLE AT 20°C (68°F)	FRACTIONAL = 1/16"
INTERPRET DIMENSIONS AND TOLERANCES	
AS APPEAR ON DRAWING	

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A-4 ERI Combiner Specification Sheet

MULTIPLEXED TRANSMISSION SITE

Seattle, Washington

General Specifications:

Multiplexer Type “TEE” Combiner
Number of Combining Units Two
Injected Port to Injected Port Isolation < -89 dB
Output Connector 3 1/8 “50 Ohm EIA (Flanged)
Output Power (Designed) 20 kW⁽¹⁾

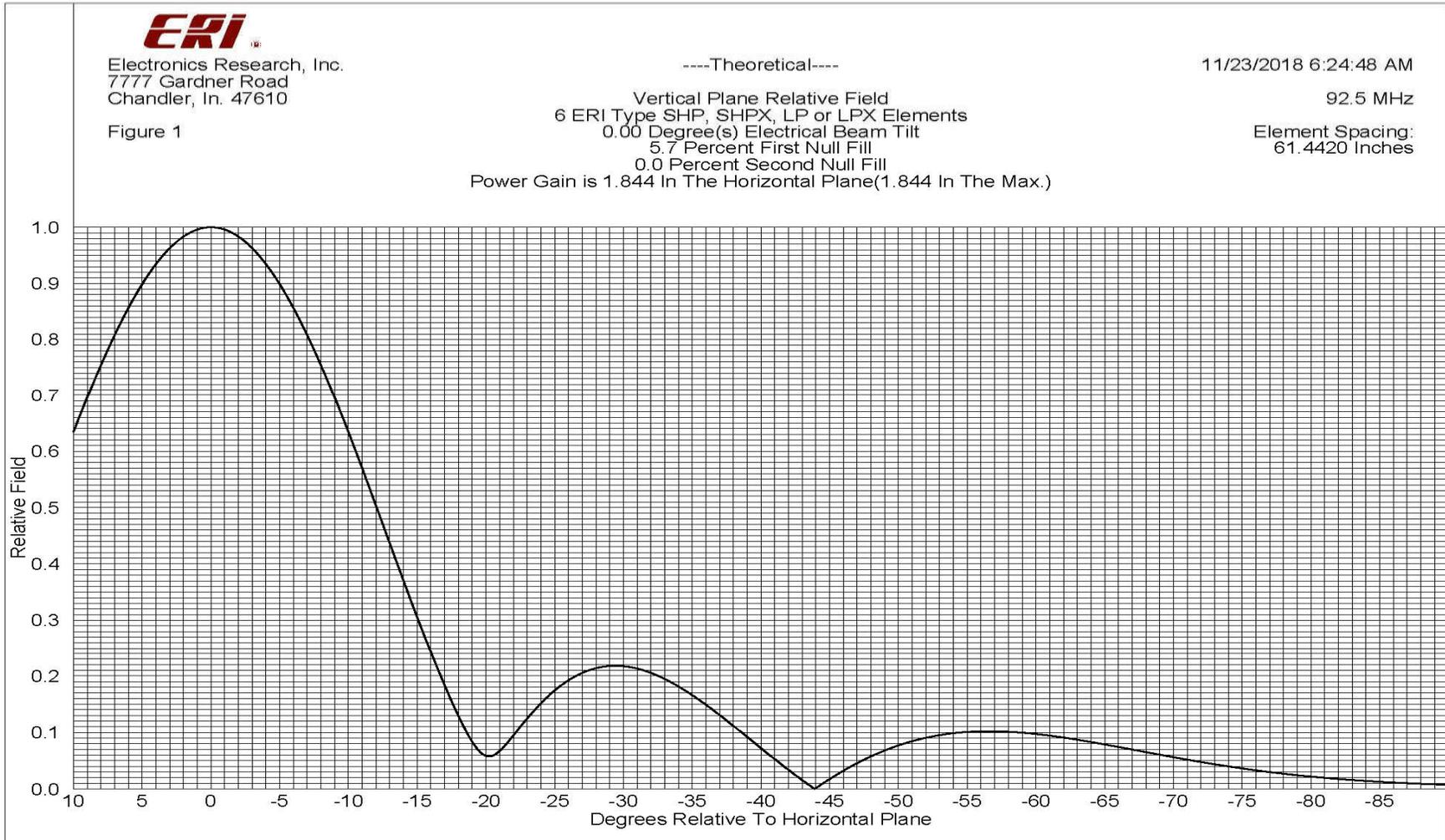
Heat Removal Convection Cooling
Physical Arrangement All Components Free Standing

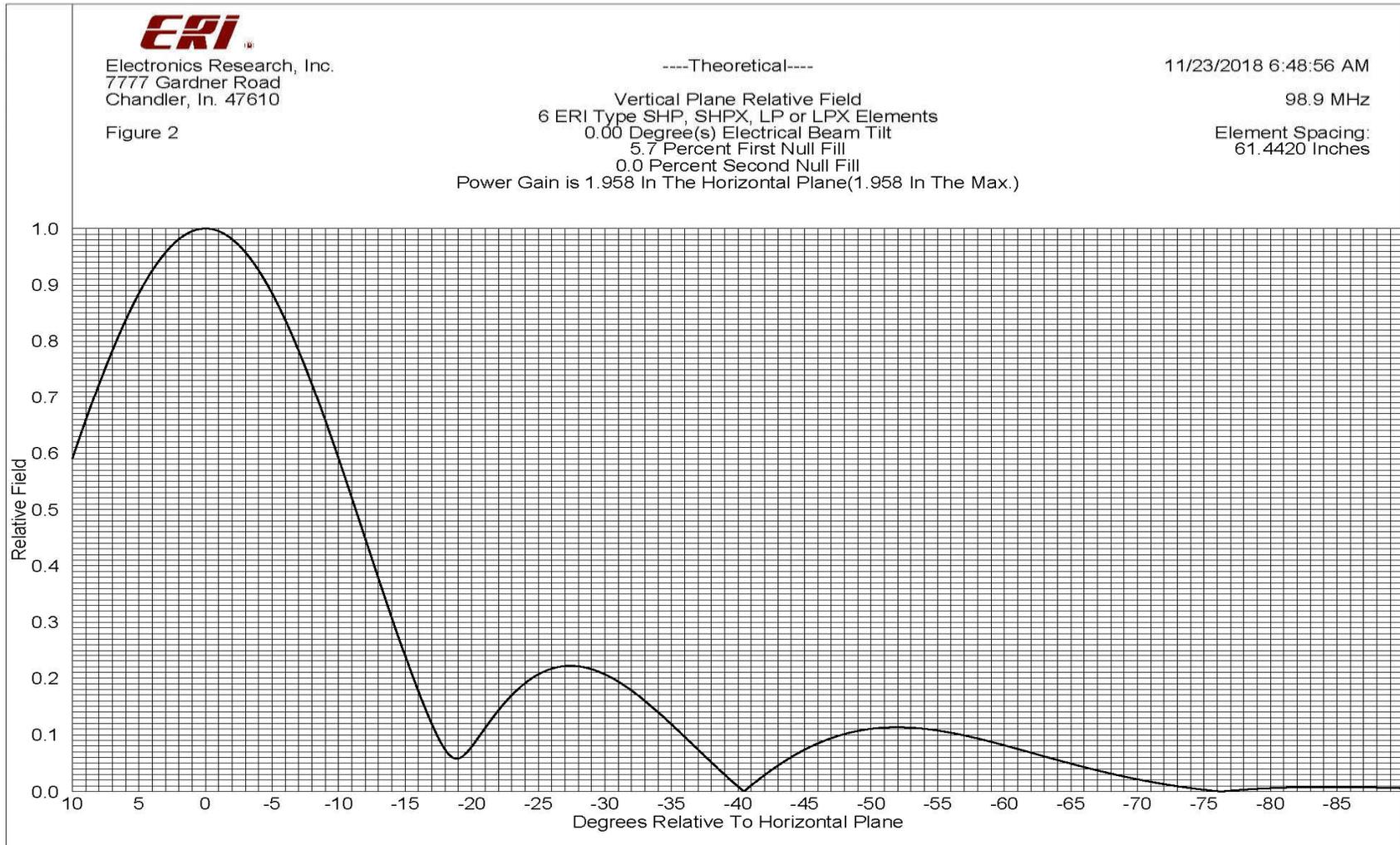
Injected Port Specifications:

Frequency Assignment 92.5 ~ 98.9 MHz
Power Rating, Each Injected Port (Designed) 10 kW for 92.5 MHz & 10 kW for 98.9 MHz
Input Connector 3-1/8" 50 Ohm EIA (Flanged)
VSWR..... Better than 1.07:1 @ +/-200 kHz⁽²⁾
Group DelayLess than 67 ns Overall Variation, Carrier @ +/- 150 kHz
Insertion Loss (Measured):

92.5 MHz..... - 0.251 dB
98.9 MHz..... - 0.281 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

