

# **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.
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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 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.**

<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>92.5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12.75</b>	<b>22.75</b>	
<b>98.9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13.03</b>	<b>23.03</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.**

<b>Interfering Frequencies</b>	<b>Carrier Frequencies</b>	
	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	Local Carrier
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	Local Carrier
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	Local Carrier
105.3	98.9	92.5	10	10.36	20.36	-49.83	-29.47	23.03	-52.5	Local Carrier

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

State of Indiana)  
) SS:  
County of Warrick)

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Troy Knotts, 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 12 years. I am familiar with and have assisted in the installation of FM Antennas and FM Filters in my 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 Stations KQMV and KNUC in Seattle, WA to prepare this Report of Findings.

Troy Knotts; Field Technician



*Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 30th, day of July, 2019.*

Jayton L. Grubb Notary Public.

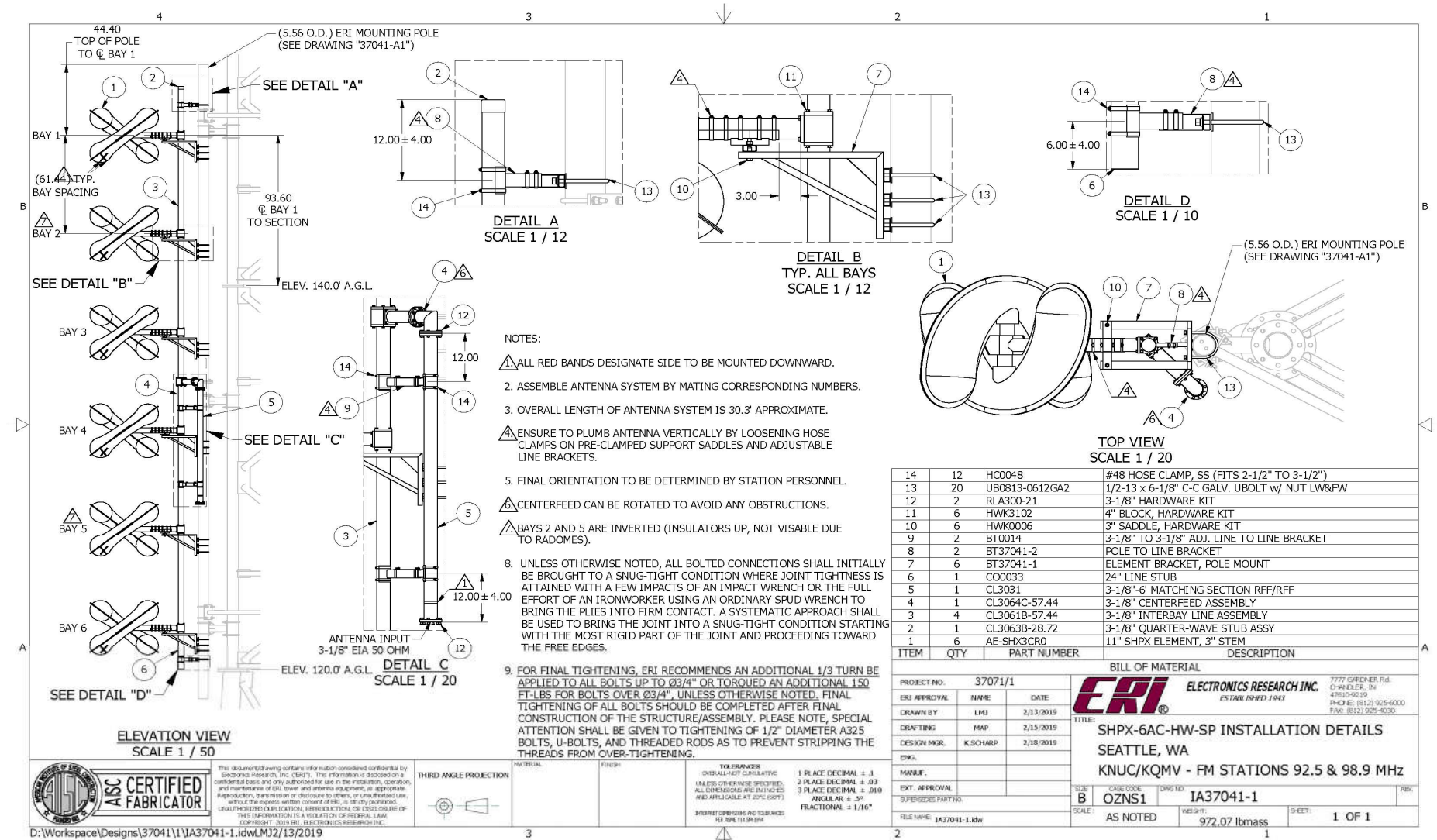
My commission expires Oct. 04. 2020







# EXHIBIT A-1



**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 <sup>(1)</sup>  
 Operating Frequency Band ..... 92.5 ~ 98.9 Megahertz.  
 VSWR ..... Better than 1.03:1 @ Operating Frequencies<sup>(2)</sup>  
 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> <sup>(3)</sup>	<u>Filter Loss</u> <sup>(4)</sup>	<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.

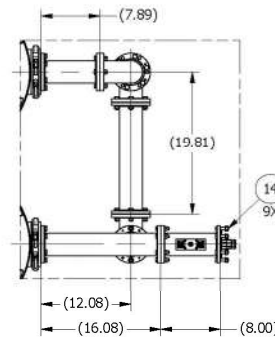
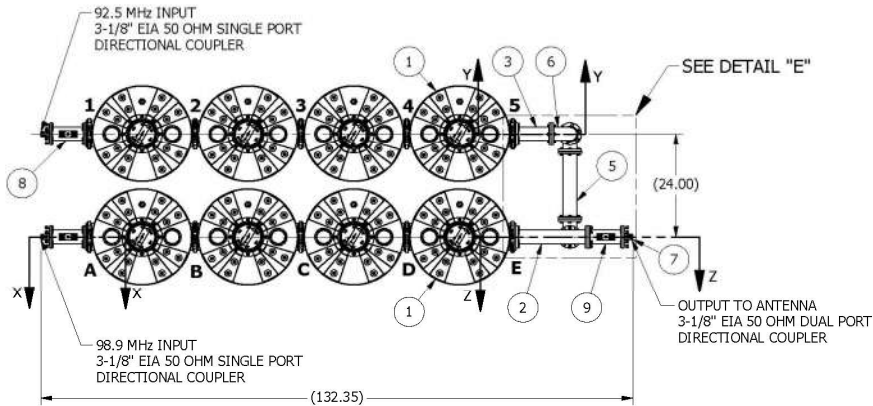
3) Line Loss Assumes A Feed Run of 120 Feet of HJ7-50A Flex and 85 Feet of ERI 3 1/8" Rigid. Section Lengths 17.5'.

4) Losses Taken from Actual Combiner.

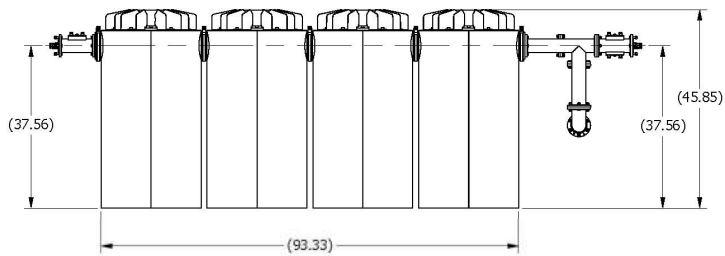
# EXHIBIT A-3

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2. ASSEMBLE FILTER BY MATING CORRESPONDING LETTERS AND NUMBERS.

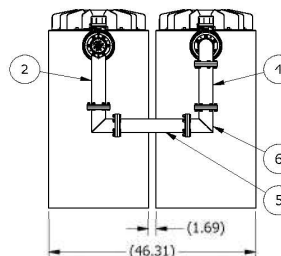
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FRONT VIEW  
SCALE 1 / 25



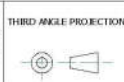
RIGHT VIEW  
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ITEM	QTY	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
18	24	WL06SS	3/8 in, SS LOCK WASHER
17	24	SC0616H0100	3/8-16 UNC x 1 in, SST HEX BOLT
16	4	NU0518BZ	5/16 - 18 BRONZE HEX NUT
15	4	SC0518T0450	5/16-18 X 4.50" T-BOLT
14	4	RLA300-21	3-1/8" HARDWARE KIT
13	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

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MATERIAL FINISH

TOLERANCES: OVERALL-NO T CUMULATIVE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES AND APPLICABLE AT 20°C (68°F). UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, DIMENSIONS ARE TO BE HOLD.

1 PLACE DECIMAL = .1  
2 PLACE DECIMAL = .03  
3 PLACE DECIMAL = .010  
ANGULAR = .5°  
FRACTIONAL = 1/16"

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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<sup>(1)</sup>

Heat Removal ..... Convection Cooling  
Physical Arrangement ..... All Components Free Standing

**Injected Port Specifications:**

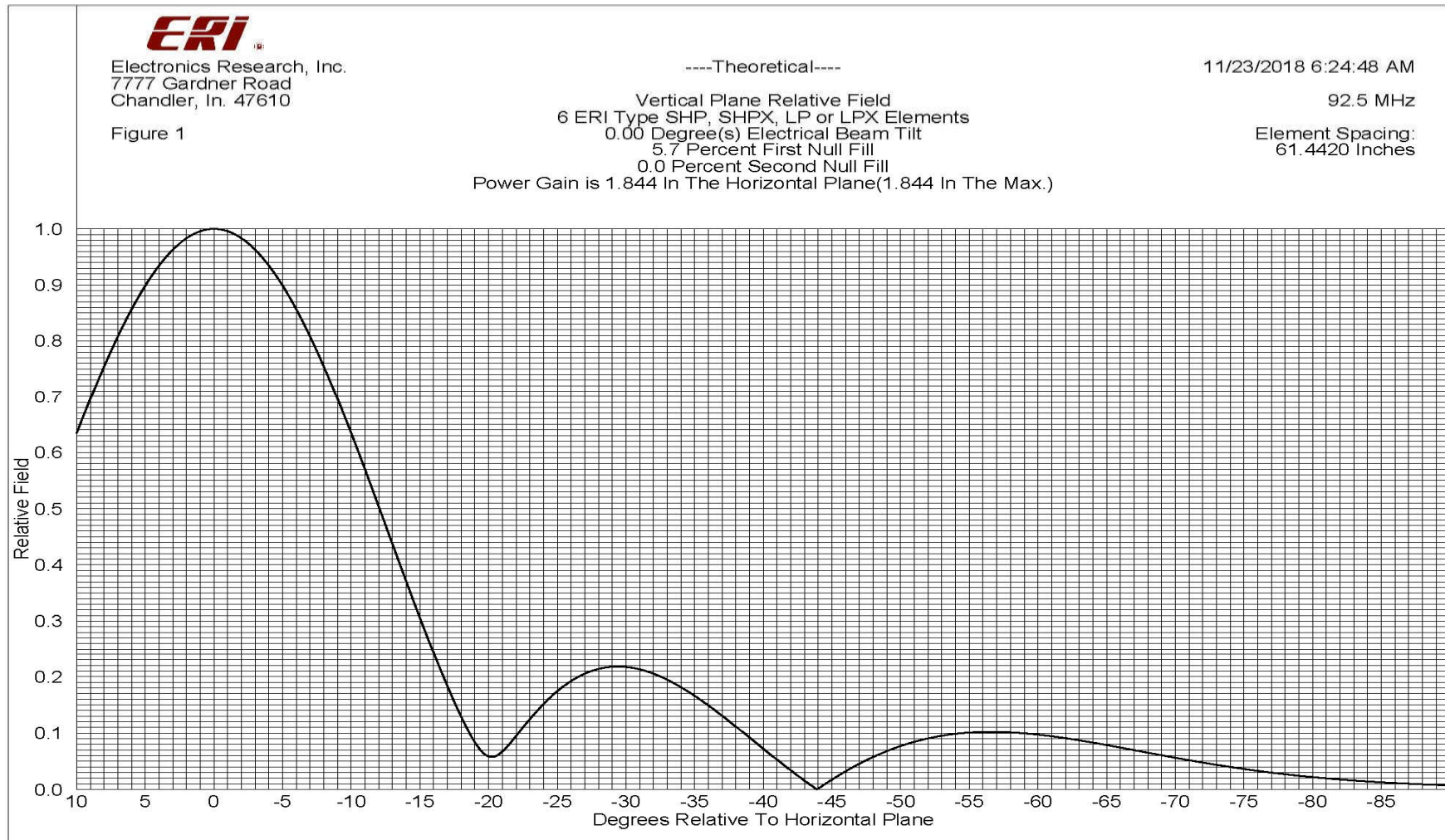
Frequency Assignment ..... 92.5 ~ 98.9 MHz  
Power Rating, Each Injected Port (Designed) ..... 10 kW for 92.5 MHz & 10 kW for 98.9 MHz  
Input Connector ..... 3-1/8" 50 Ohm EIA (Flanged)  
VSWR..... Better than 1.07:1 @ +/-200 kHz<sup>(2)</sup>  
Group Delay ..... Less than 67 ns Overall Variation, Carrier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

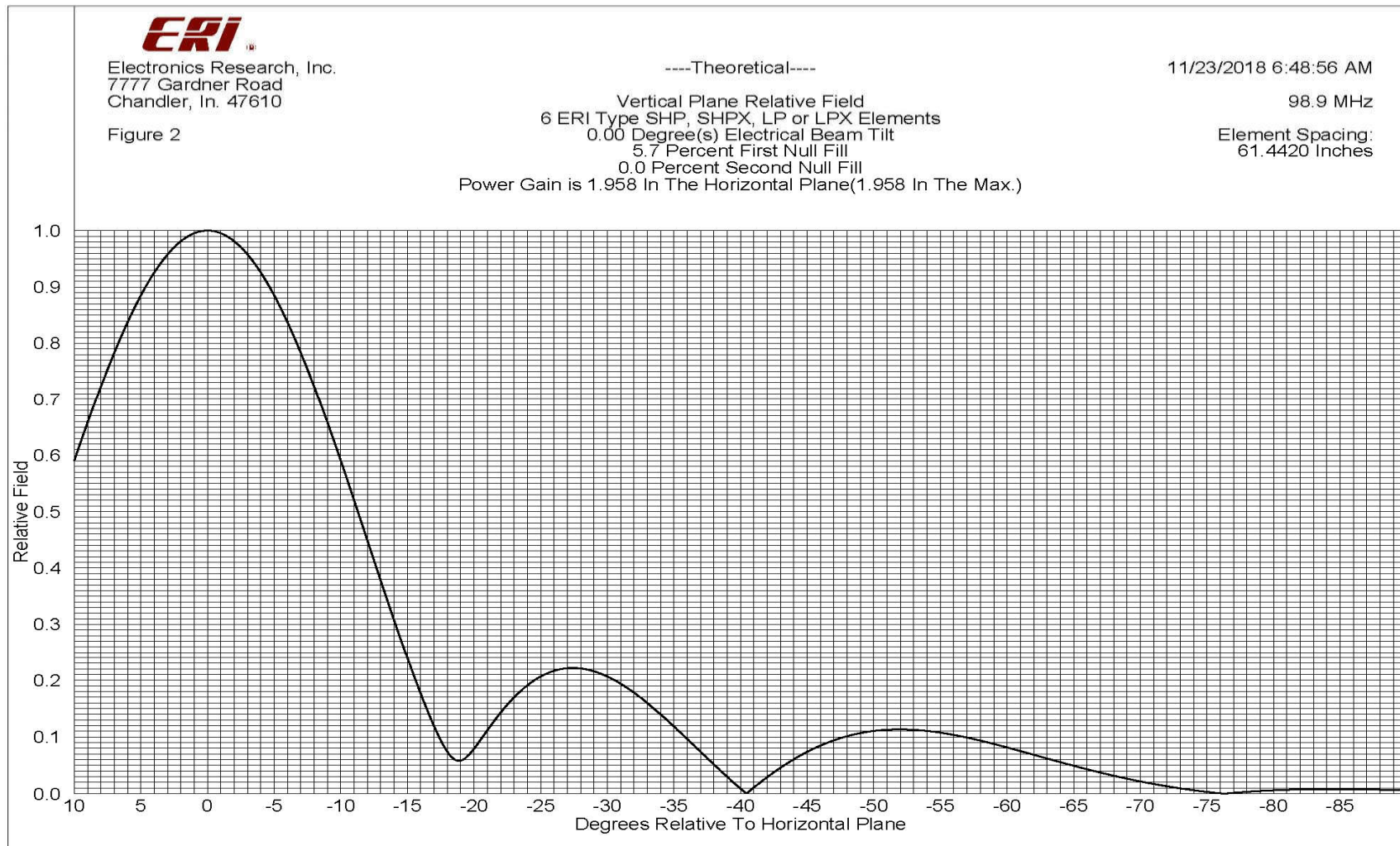
2) When Terminated in 50 Ohm Resistive Load.

## EXHIBIT A – 5





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## Broadcasting Scheme and Equipment Employed in Intermodulation Measurements

