

Report Of Intermodulation Product Findings

**Atlanta, GA.
Axiom SHPXA-12BC-HW-SP Antenna
Constant Impedance Combiner**

WSTR	94.1 MHz.
WUBL	94.9 MHz.
WWPW	96.1 MHz.
WWWQ	99.7 MHz.

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REPORT OF FINDINGS
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Introduction: This report of findings is based on data collected at the WSTR, WUBL, WWPW, and WWWQ broadcast facility located in Atlanta, Georgia. The report includes measurements offered as proof that the combined operations of WSTR (94.1 MHz.), WUBL (94.9 MHz.), WWPW (96.1 MHz.), WWWQ (99.7 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 multiplex system are less than the maximum allowable level as required by section 73.317 (b) through (d). WRAS (88.5 MHz), operates into a separate antenna located on the same tower. Their effects on the stations operating from the multiplexed system are considered in this report. Jeff Taylor of Electronics Research, Inc. located in Chandler, Indiana performed the measurements summarized herein on May 6, 2019.

The following exhibits are provided:

Exhibit A:

- A-1 Drawing Depicting Antenna.
- A-2 SHPXA-12BC-HW-SP Antenna Specification Sheet.
- A-3 Drawing Depicting Multiplexing Scheme.
- A-4 ERI Constant Impedance Combiner 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 all FM stations operating from the combined antenna system. The WSTR, WUBL, WWPW, and WWWQ multiplexed system is fundamentally comprised of antenna, feed line and multiplexer unit. The SHPXA-12BC-HW-SP (antenna) and (3) ERI 973/978 constant impedance combiner units and feedline are products of Electronics Research, Inc, whereas the fourth combiner unit, WUBL, is a product of Dielectric.

To accomplish the aggregation of four transmitter signals into a common antenna feed and provide transmitter-to-transmitter isolation, a multiplexing scheme consisting of a Constant Impedance Combiner was installed. Specifically, the Multiplexer utilizes one ERI Model CI963-8, one ERI Model CI973-8, one ERI Model CI783-6, one Dielectric 8 cavity constant impedance module. The multiplexer, fully assembled, exhibited transmitter port-to-port isolation in excess of -58 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 -35 dB directivity and a forward signal sample of -60 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. 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, Multiplexer, 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 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
WSTR 94.1 MHz.	3	-	6.76	9.76	
WUBL 94.9 MHz.	3	-	6.62	9.62	
WWPW 96.1 MHz.	3	-	4.04	7.04	
WWWQ 99.7 MHz.	3	-	6.86	9.86	

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		94.1	94.9	96.1	99.7
WSRA	88.5 MHz.	99.7	101.3	103.7	110.9
WSTR	94.1 MHz.	----	95.7	98.1	105.3
WUBL	94.9 MHz.	93.3	----	97.3	104.5
WWPW	96.1 MHz.	92.1	93.7	----	103.3
WWWQ	99.7 MHz.	88.5	90.1	92.5	----

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 Atlanta, Georgia										
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 (dB)	Notes*
Transmitter Mixes										
	94.1	Ref.	3		3	6.76	9.76	9.76		
	94.9	Ref.	3		3	6.62	9.62	9.62		
	96.1	Ref.	3		3	4.04	7.04	7.04		
	99.7	Ref.	3		3	6.86	9.86	9.86		
88.5	94.1	99.7	3	11.4	14.4	-98.13	-83.73	9.76	-93.49	#1 88.5 Off
90.1	94.9	99.7	3	11.5	14.5	-97.5	-83	9.62	-92.62	
92.1	94.1	96.1	3	11.1	14.1	-97.35	-83.25	9.76	-93.01	
92.5	96.1	99.7	3	12.2	15.2	-98.1	-82.9	7.04	-89.94	
93.3	94.1	94.9	3	12.9	15.9	-96.94	-81.04	9.76	-90.8	
93.7	94.9	96.1	3	11.8	14.8	-98.11	-83.31	9.62	-92.93	
95.7	94.9	94.1	3	11.4	14.4	-98.13	-83.73	9.62	-93.35	#2 96.1 Off
97.3	96.1	94.9	3	11.8	14.8	-98.14	-83.34	7.04	-90.38	
98.1	96.1	94.1	3	12.1	15.1	-98.18	-83.08	7.04	-90.12	
99.7	94.1	88.5	3	11.3	14.3	-97.77	-83.47	9.76	-93.23	#3 99.7 Off
101.3	94.9	88.5	3	11.3	14.3	-97.61	-83.31	9.62	-92.93	
103.3	99.7	96.1	3	11.3	14.3	-99.13	-84.83	9.86	-94.69	
103.7	96.1	88.5	3	11.8	14.8	-97.16	-82.36	7.04	-89.4	
104.5	99.7	94.9	3	12.1	15.1	-97.22	-82.12	9.86	-91.98	
105.3	99.7	94.1	3	11.2	14.2	-98.13	-83.93	9.86	-93.79	
110.9	99.7	88.5	3	11.1	14.1	-98.55	-84.45	9.86	-94.31	

#1 88.5 MHz. off for this measurement.

#2 96.1 MHz. off for this measurement.

#3 99.7 MHz. off for this measurement.

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 May 6, 2019 as summarized in this document, I, Troy Knotts, find the subject system-specifically the transmitter and filter system for the operation of WSTR, WUBL, WWPW, and WWWQ 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 WSTR, WUBL, WWPW, and WWWQ 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

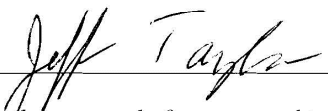
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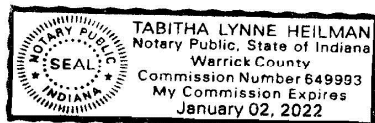
I, Jeff Taylor, hereby declare that the following statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief :

- 1.) I am a Field Technician for Electronics Research, Inc ("ERI ") and have been employed by ERI for 22 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 Cumulus Media on behalf of radio StationsWSTR, WUBL, WWPW, and WWWQ in Atlanta, GA. to prepare this Report Of Findings.

Jeff Taylor; Field Technician

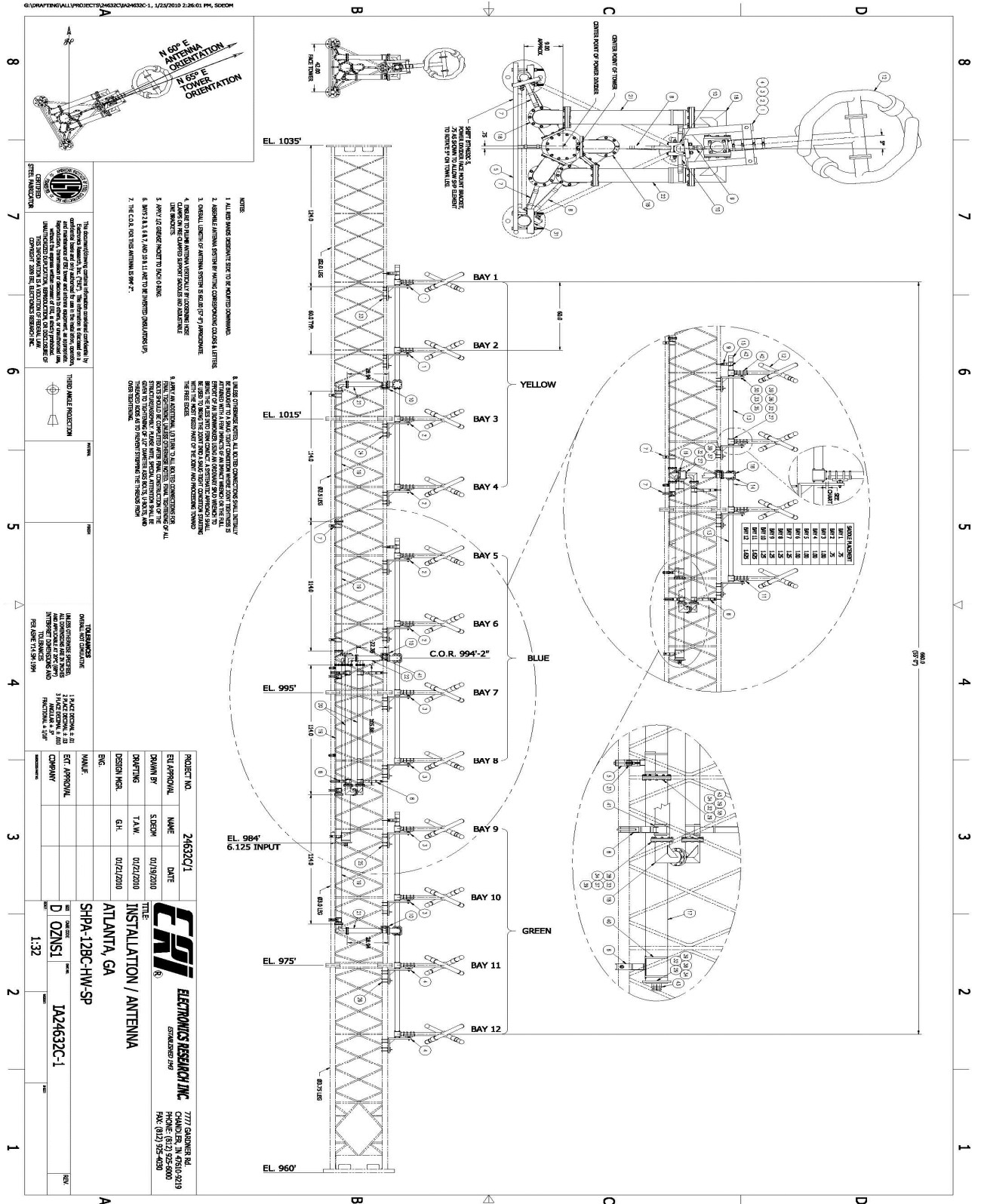


Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 7th, day of May, 2019.



Tabitha Heilman; Notary Public
My commission expires January 2, 2022





A-2 ERI Antenna Specification Sheet

Atlanta, Georgia

General Specifications

Antenna Type High Power FM-Broadcast, Suitable for Multiplexing
 Model NumberSHPXA-12BC-HW-SP
 Number of Bay Levels..... Twelve
 Polarization..... Right Hand Circular

Electrical Specifications

Antenna Input Power Capability 74 KW Max ⁽¹⁾
 Operating Frequency Band 94.1 ~ 99.7 Megahertz.
 VSWR. <1.15:1 @ Operating Frequencies ⁽²⁾
 Azimuthal Pattern Circularity Better Than +/- 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> ⁽³⁾	<u>Filter Loss</u> ⁽⁴⁾	<u>Computed TPO</u>
94.1	100 kW	0°	0 %	0%	3.581	.564 dB	.3152 dB	34.191 kW
94.9	37 kW	0°	0 %	0%	3.615	.564 dB	.5629 dB	13.267 kW
96.1	37 kW	0°	0 %	0 %	3.615	.576 dB	.2257 dB	12.155 kW
99.7	48 kW	0°	0 %	0%	3.792	.588 dB	.1610 dB	15.041 kW

Mechanical Specifications

Antenna Feed SystemFed with One Lines
 Input Connector 6 1/8"-50 Ohm EIA Flanged
 Element Deicing None
 Interbay Spacing 60" Center to Center
 Array Length..... 57.5 Feet
 Construction Material (Antenna)..... All Noncorrosive
 Construction Material (Mounting) All Stainless Steel

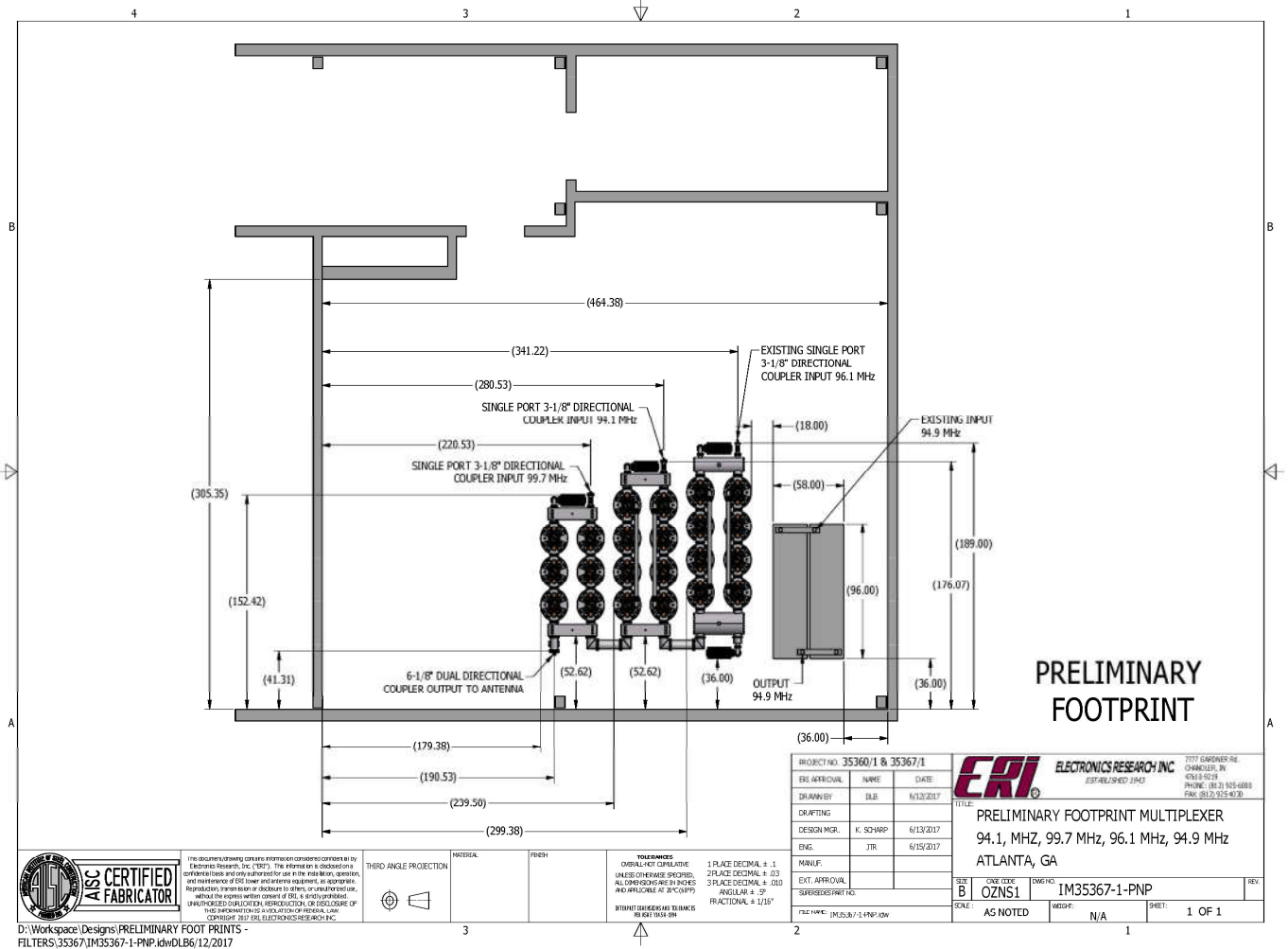
1) Power Capability Has Been Rated Assuming an Operating Transmission VSWR of 1.5:1

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

3) Line Loss Assumes A Feed Run of 1200 Feet, 6 1/8" ERI Macxline

4) Losses Taken from Actual Combiner.

EXHIBIT, A – 3



A-4 ERI Combiner Specification Sheet

Atlanta, Georgia

General Specifications:

Multiplexer Type Constant Impedance
Number of Combining Units Four
Multiplexer Type Constant Impedance Combiner
Injected Port to Injected Port Isolation..... < - 58 dB
Output Connector..... 6 1/8 "50 Ohm EIA (Flanged)
Output Power (Designed) 74 kW ⁽¹⁾

Heat Removal.....Natural Convection
Physical ArrangementAll Components Floor standing

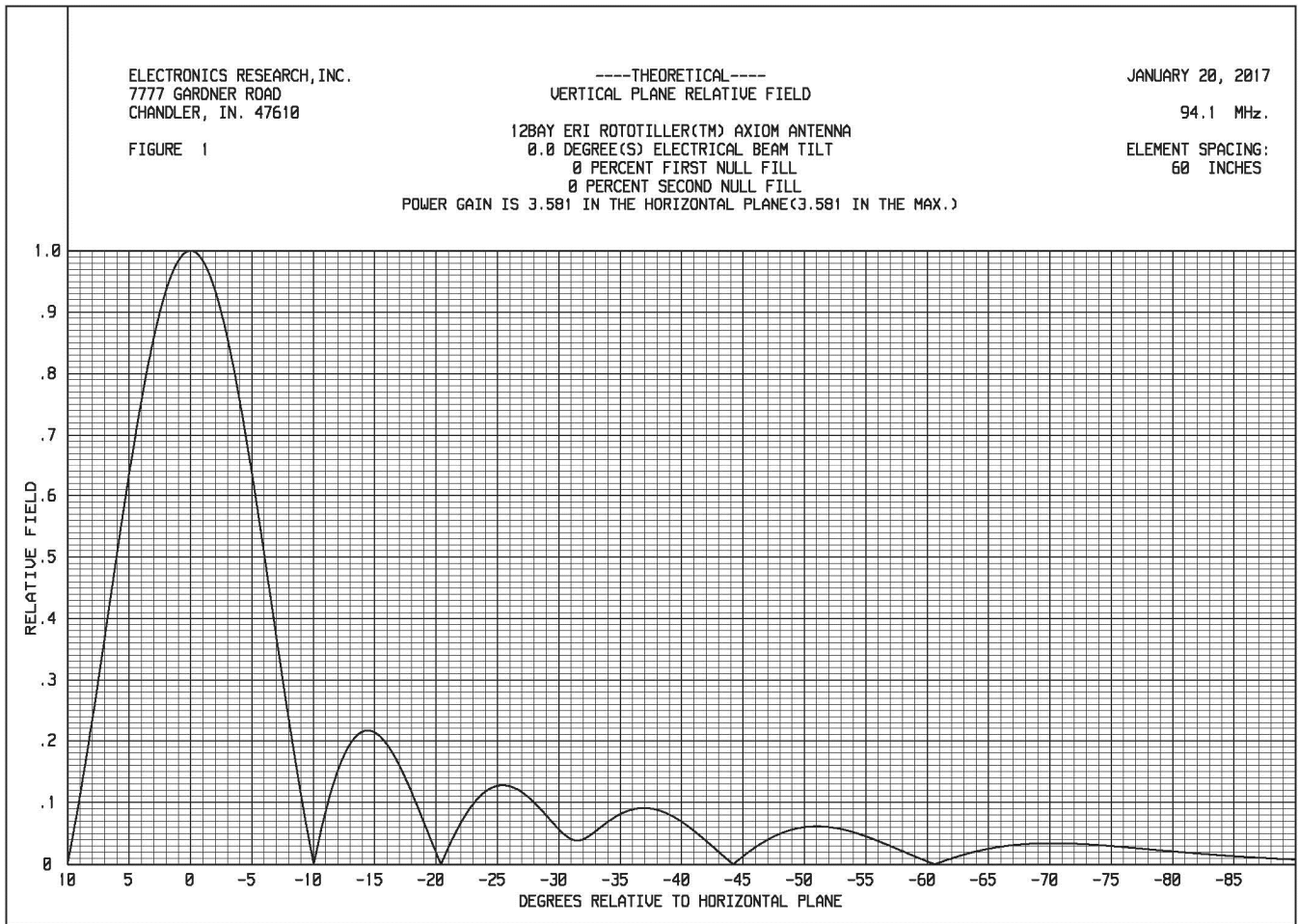
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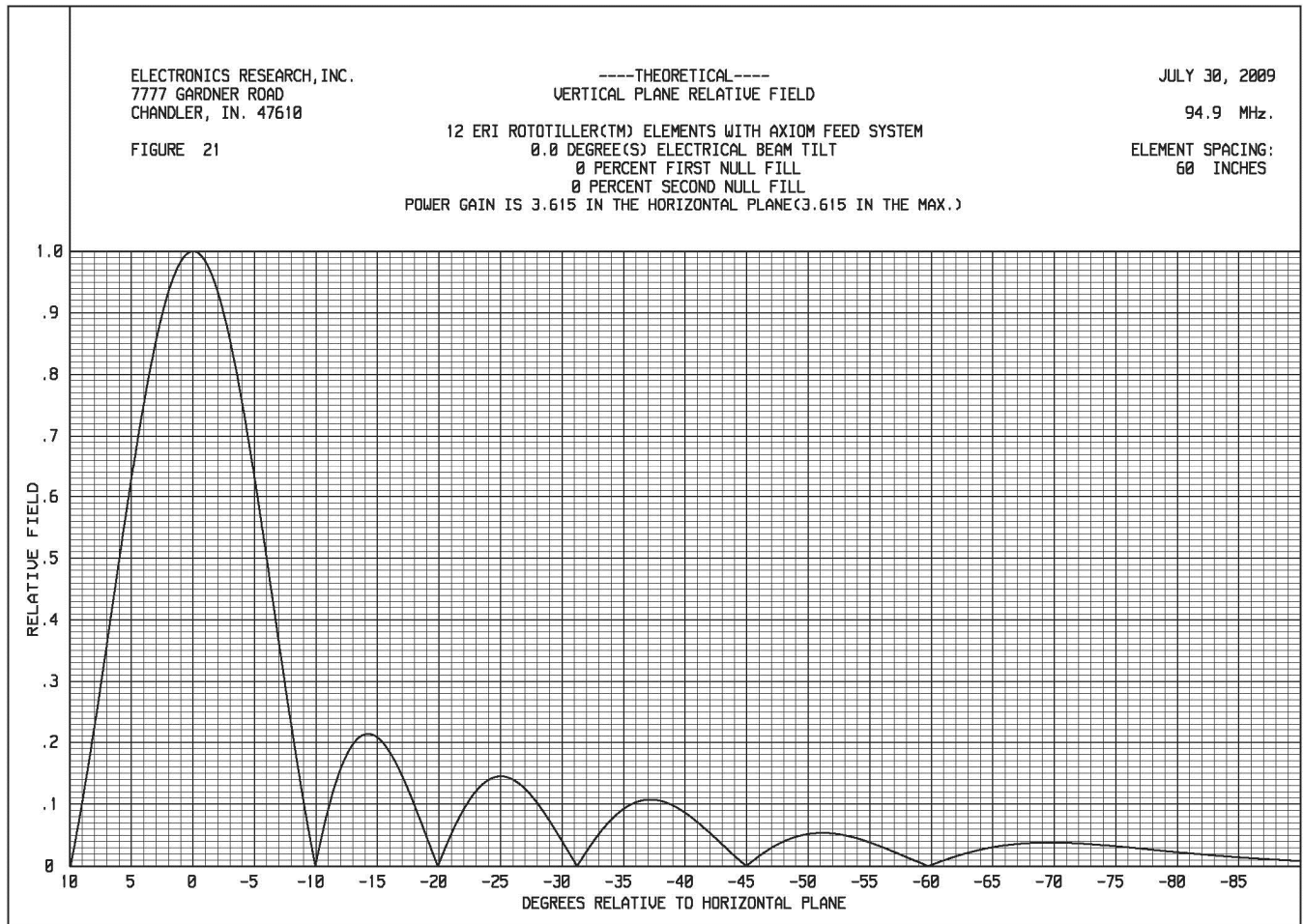
Frequency Assignment 94.1, 94.9, 96.1, and 99.7 MHz.
Power Rating, Each Injected Port 34.2 kW for 94.1 and 13.3kW for 94.9 MHz.
Power Rating, Each Injected Port 12.2 kW for 96.1 and 15.1kW for 99.7 MHz.
Input Connector 3-1/8" 50 Ohm EIA (Flanged)
VSWR.....< 1.09:1 @ +/-200 KHz. ⁽²⁾
Group Delay..... Less than 200 ns Overall Variation, Carrier @ +/- 150 KHz.
Insertion Loss (Measured):

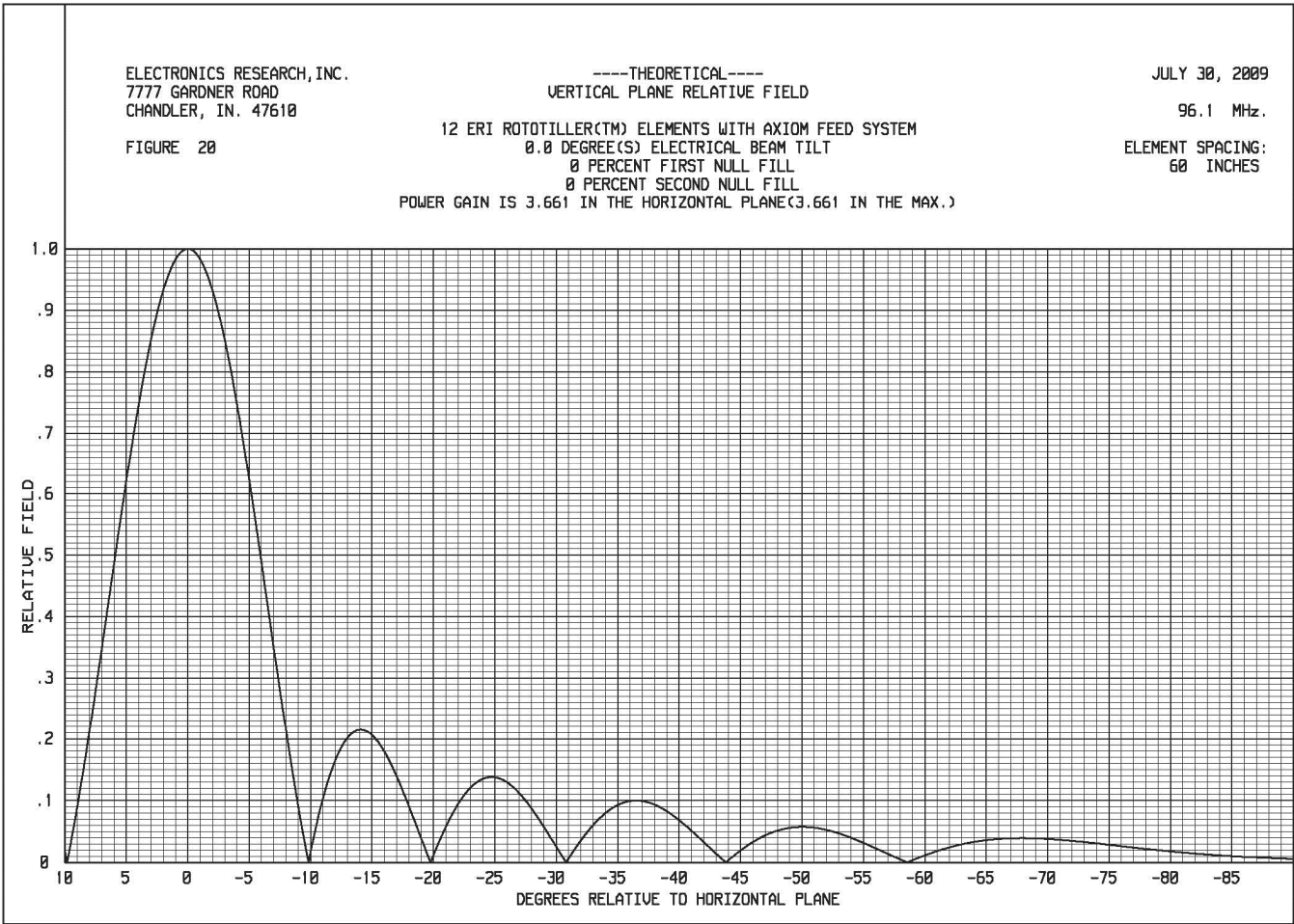
94.1 MHz..... - 0.3152 dB
94.9 MHz..... - 0.5629 dB
96.1 MHz..... - 0.2257 dB
99.7 MHz..... - 0.1610 dB

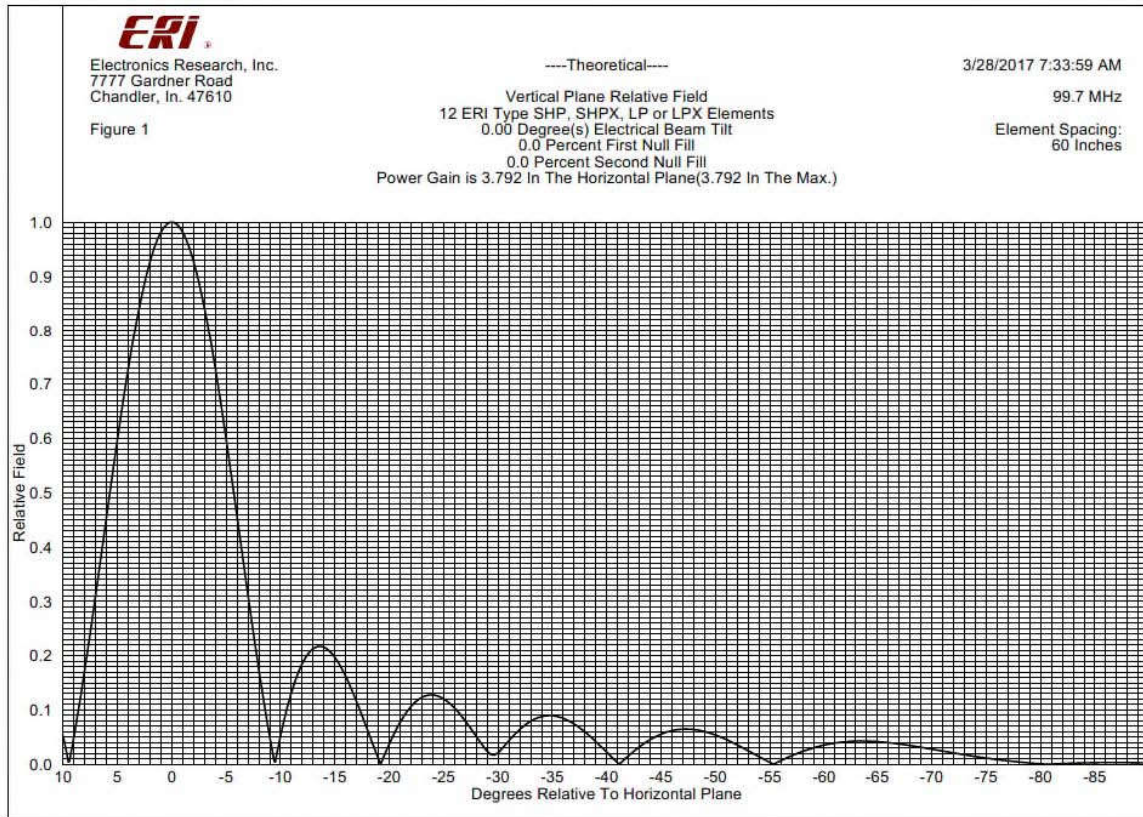
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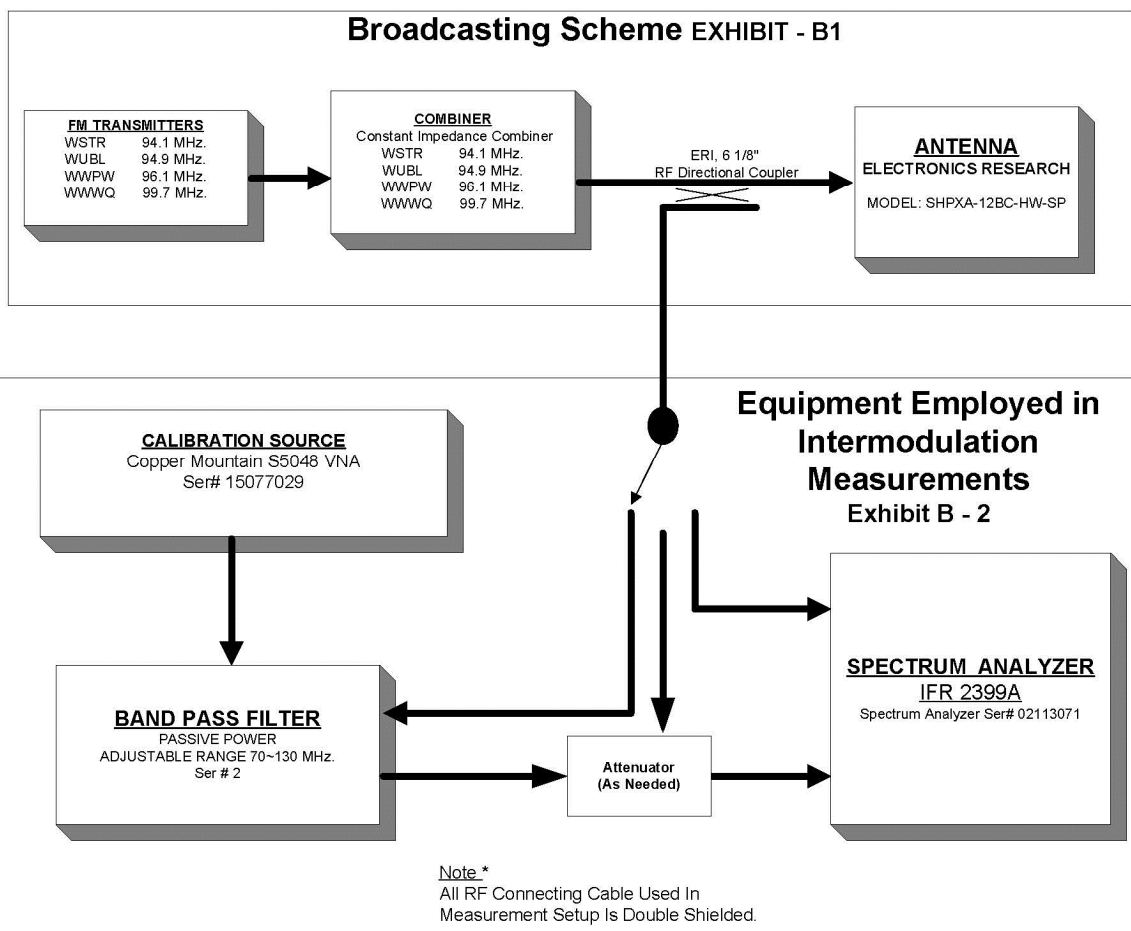
2) When Terminated in 50 Ohm Resistive Load.











Broadcasting Scheme and Equipment Employed in Intermodulation Measurements

EXHIBIT B