

Directional Antenna System For KSWG, Wickenburg, Arizona

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DESCRIPTION OF THE TEST PROCEDURE

The test antenna consisted of a full scale model of the complete circular polarized system with the associated horizontal parasitic elements. The elements and brackets that were used in this test are electrically equivalent to those that will be supplied with the antenna. A section of 1 5/8 inch o.d. rigid coaxial line was used to feed the test antenna, and a section of 1 5/8 inch o.d. rigid outer conductor only was attached above the test 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 24" Utility tower 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 azimuth indicating mechanism, resolution of this azimuth measuring device is one-tenth of a degree.

The antenna under test was operated in the transmitting mode and fed from a Wavetek Model 3000 signal generator. The frequency of the signal source was set at 96.3 MHz and was constantly monitored by an Anritsu Model ML521B measuring receiver.

A broad-band 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. The signals received by the dipole system were fed to the test building by way of two buried Heliax cables to an Anritsu Model ML521B measuring receiver.

