
RF Appendix 1

Compliance with Radiofrequency Radiation Guidelines

The proposed facility complies with the maximum permissible radiofrequency electromagnetic exposure limits for controlled and uncontrolled environments as set forth under §1.1307(b)(3) of the Commission's rules and the guidelines for RF radiation protection guidelines as set forth in OET Bulletin No. 65 (Edition 97-01), and the accompanying Supplement A, (Edition 97-01). The site is intended to house multiple transmitters, therefore the potential for human exposure to non-ionizing radiofrequency radiation has been evaluated with regard to the §1.1307(b)(3) "five percent (5%) contribution rule" utilizing the Commission's own FM Model web-based software application. The use and implementation of this FCC sanctioned software is a matter of record before the Commission.

With regard to the "five percent (5%) contribution rule", §1.1307(b)(3), five percent (5%) of the maximum permissible 200 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ uncontrolled limit yields a threshold value of 10 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$. Five percent (5%) of the maximum permissible 1000 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ controlled limit yields a threshold value of 50 $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$. Therefore, single contributions of $\leq 10 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ remain within the tolerances as allowed by §1.1307(b)(3) and its governing OET Bulletin No. 65 (Edition 97-01) for the more restrictive of these two protections.

The proposed W296CZ.P - Portland, ME analog FM Translator (Facility ID: 145635) will operate on CH296D (107.1 MHz) with 0.250 kW ERP circular polarization (H&V). The licensed W288CU.L - Portland, ME analog FM Translator (Facility ID: 150422) operates on CH288D (105.5 MHz) with 0.200 kW ERP circular polarization (H&V). The licensed W277AM.L - Portland, ME analog FM Translator (Facility ID: 149580) operates on CH277D (103.3 MHz) with 0.019 kW ERP circular polarization (H&V). The licensed W268CS.L - Portland, ME analog FM Translator (Facility ID: 148099) operates on CH268D (101.5 MHz) with 0.099 kW ERP circular polarization (H&V). All four facilities will be quadplexed into a common antenna, operating with a sum ERP power of 0.568 kW (H&V). The antenna is mounted 89 meters above ground level (AGL). The antenna is identified as a PSI FML-4A, four bay, fully spaced antenna employing "Opposed V Dipole" EPA Type 2 elements, as defined by the Commission's own FM Model - Appendix B (issued March 31, 2016). None of these facilities operate with HD/IBOC facilities at this time.

The results of the evaluation for the FM station have been shown at the end of this RF compliance discussion. To ensure complete protection, the maximum FM contribution has been assumed without regard to any restricted access fencing distance. In addition, the facility is, or will be, properly marked with signs. Entry is, or will be, restricted by means of fencing with locked doors or gates. Furthermore, coordination with other users of the site will be secured to reduce power or cease operation as necessary to protect persons having access to the site, tower or antenna from radiofrequency electromagnetic fields in excess of FCC guidelines.

