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IC: 864G-AMI3

FCC Rule Part: 15.247
IC Radio Standards Specification: RSS-210

ACS Report Number 09-0426-15C

Manufacturer: **Itron Electricity Metering, Inc.**
Model(s): CN2SO, CN2SOD, C2SOD, and C2SO

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1 GENERAL

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to demonstrate compliance with Part 15 Subpart C of the FCC's Code of Federal Regulations and Industry Canada's Radio Standards Specification RSS-210 for a Class II Permissive Change.

This Class II Permissive Change report is to address a new data rate of 153.6 kbps.

1.2 Product description

The AMI3 OpenWay CENTRON meter is a solid-state meter used for measuring electrical energy consumption. The OpenWay CENTRON meter incorporates a two-piece design combining a base metrology with a variety of OpenWay registers or options. The metrology portion of the meter contains all measurement circuitry and calibration information, while the personality modules contain the register functionality and communication mediums.

The register board contains (1) 900 MHz LAN frequency hopping spread spectrum radio and (1) 2.4 GHz direct sequence spread spectrum Zigbee radio.

Manufacturer Information:
Itron Electricity Metering, Inc.
313 North Highway 11
West Union, SC 29696

Test Sample Serial Number
Conducted Unit: 2430028947
Radiated Unit: 2430017589

Test Sample Condition: The test samples were provided in good working order with no visible defects.

1.3 Test Methodology and Considerations

The AMI3 is a composite device having a 900 MHZ LAN radio and a 2.4GHz Zigbee radio. The change in data rate is only applicable to the 900MHz LAN radio of which this report addresses. Not all hopping functions of the device are affected by the change in data rate therefore most hopping characteristics were not evaluated.

The AMI3 OpenWay CENTRON meter types/models included are CN2SO, CN2SOD, C2SOD, and C2SO. For the purpose of this evaluation the C2SOD meter was evaluated as it provides the worst case test condition.

2 TEST FACILITIES

2.1 Location

The radiated and conducted emissions test sites are located at the following address:

Advanced Compliance Solutions
5015 B.U. Bowman Drive
Buford, GA 30518
Phone: (770) 831-8048
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2.2 Laboratory Accreditations/Recognitions/Certifications

The Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site, Open Area Test Site (OATS) and Conducted Emissions Site have been fully described, submitted to, and accepted by the FCC, Industry Canada and the Japanese Voluntary Control Council for Interference by information technology equipment. In addition, ACS is compliant to ISO/IEC 17025 as certified by the National Institute of Standards and Technology under their National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program. The following certification numbers have been issued in recognition of these accreditations and certifications:

FCC Registration Number: 894540
Industry Canada Lab Code: IC 4175A-1
VCCI Member Number: 1831

- VCCI OATS Registration Number R-1526
- VCCI Conducted Emissions Site Registration Number: C-1608

NVLAP Lab Code: 200612-0

2.3 Radiated Emissions Test Site Description

2.3.1 Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site

The Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site consists of a 20' x 30' x 18' shielded enclosure. The chamber is lined with Toyo Ferrite Grid Absorber, model number FFG-1000. The ferrite tile grid is 101 x 101 x 19mm thick and weighs approximately 550 grams. These tiles are mounted on steel panels and installed directly on the inner walls of the chamber.

The turntable is 150cm in diameter and is located 160cm from the back wall of the chamber. The chamber is grounded via 1 - 8' copper ground rod, installed at the center of the back wall, it is bound to the ground plane using 3/4" stainless steel braided cable.

The turntable is all steel, flush mounted table installed in an all steel frame. The table is remotely operated from inside the control room located 25' from the range. The turntable is electrically bonded to the surrounding ground plane via steel fingers installed on the edge of the turn table. The steel fingers make constant contact with the ground plane during operation.

Behind the turntable is a 3' x 6' x 4' deep shielded pit used for support equipment if necessary. The pit is equipped with 1 - 4" PVC chases from the turntable to the pit that allow for cabling to the EUT if necessary. The underside of the turntable can be accessed from the pit so cables can be supplied to the EUT from the pit.

A diagram of the Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site is shown in Figure 2.3-1 below:

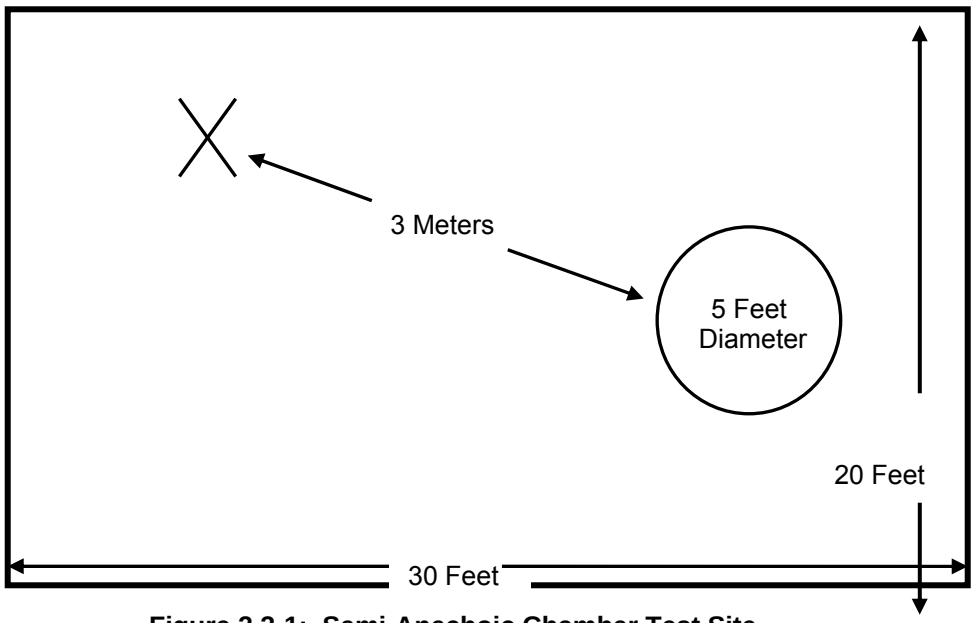

Figure 2.3-1: Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site

2.3.2 Open Area Tests Site (OATS)

The open area test site consists of a 40' x 66' concrete pad covered with a perforated electro-plated galvanized sheet metal. The perforations in the sheet metal are 1/8" holes that are staggered every 3/16". The individual sheets are placed to overlap each other by 1/4" and are riveted together to provide a continuous seam. Rivets are spaced every 3" in a 3 x 20 meter perimeter around the antenna mast and EUT area. Rivets in the remaining area are spaced as necessary to properly secure the ground plane and maintain the electrical continuity.

The entire ground plane extends 12' beyond the turntable edge and 16' beyond the antenna mast when set to a 10 meter measurement distance. The ground plane is grounded via 4 - 8' copper ground rods, each installed at a corner of the ground plane and bound to the ground plane using 3/4" stainless steel braided cable.

The turntable is an all aluminum 10' flush mounted table installed in an all aluminum frame. The table is remotely operated from inside the control room located 40' from the range. The turntable is electrically bonded to the surrounding ground plane via steel fingers installed on the edge of the turn table. The steel fingers make constant contact with the ground plane during operation.

Adjacent to the turntable is a 7' x 7' square and 4' deep concrete pit used for support equipment if necessary. The pit is equipped with 5 - 4" PVC chases from the pit to the control room that allow for cabling to the EUT if necessary. The underside of the turntable can be accessed from the pit so cables can be supplied to the EUT from the pit. The pit is covered with 2 sheets of 1/4" diamond style re-enforced steel sheets. The sheets are painted to match the perforated steel ground plane; however the underside edges have been masked off to maintain the electrical continuity of the ground plane. All reflecting objects are located outside of the ellipse defined in ANSI C63.4.

A diagram of the Open Area Test Site is shown in Figure 2.3-2 below:

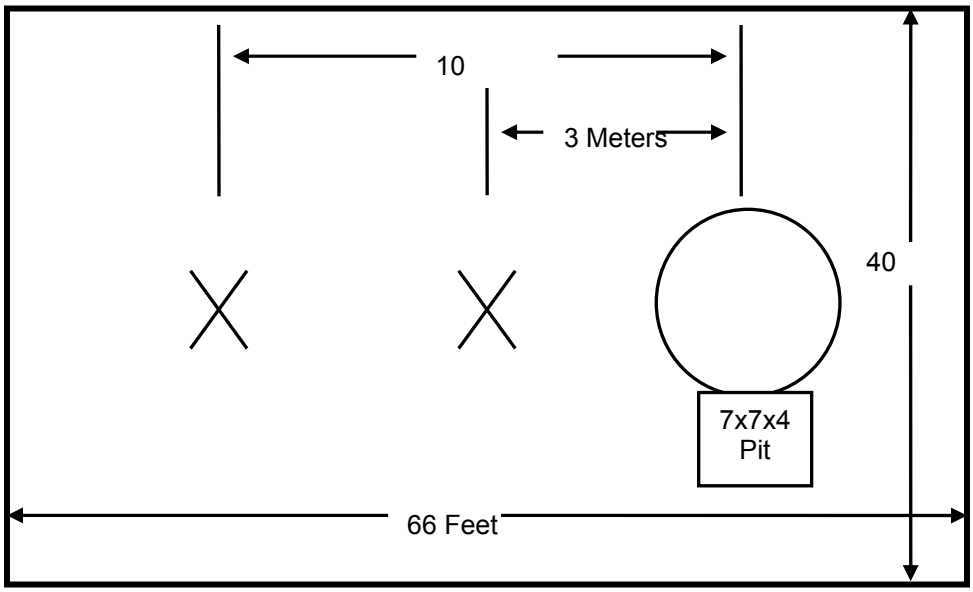

Figure 2.3-2: Open Area Test Site

2.4 Conducted Emissions Test Site Description

The AC mains conducted EMI site is located in the main EMC lab. It consists of an 8' x 8' solid aluminum horizontal group reference plane (GRP) bonded every 3" to an 8' X 8' vertical ground plane.

The site is of sufficient size to test table top and floor standing equipment in accordance with section 6.1.4 of ANSI C63.4.

A diagram of the room is shown below in figure 4.1.3-1:

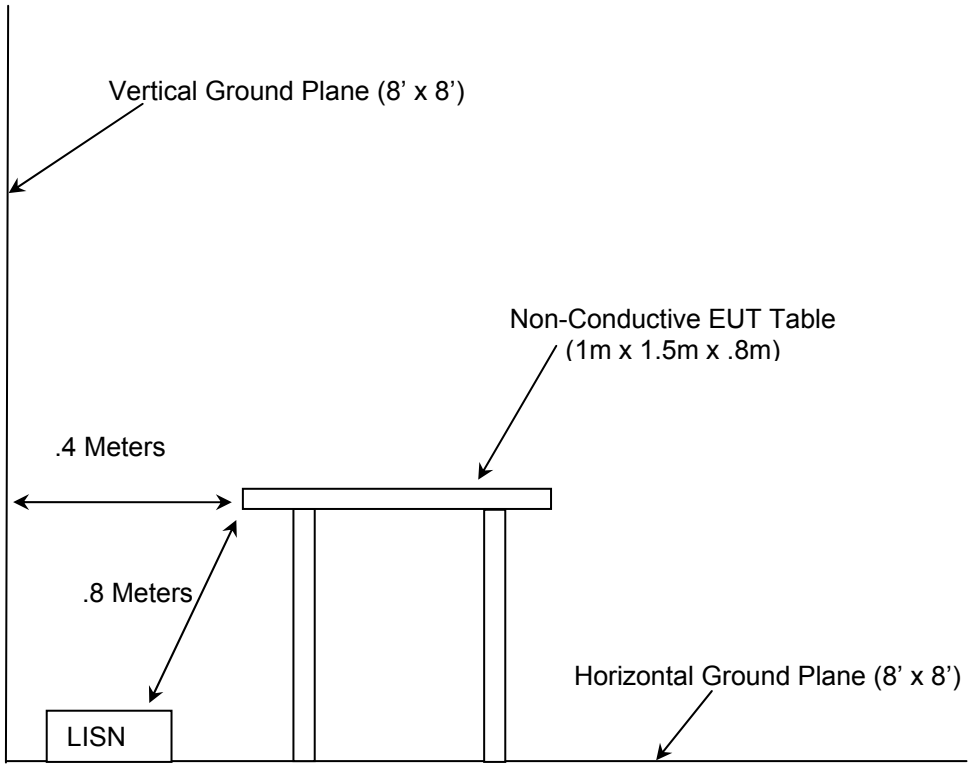

Figure 2.4-1: AC Mains Conducted EMI Site

3 APPLICABLE STANDARD REFERENCES

The following standards were used:

- ANSI C63.4-2003: Method of Measurements of Radio-Noise Emissions from Low-Voltage Electrical and Electronic Equipment in the 9KHz to 40GHz
- US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Title 47, Part 2, Subpart J: Equipment Authorization Procedures, 2009
- US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Title 47, Part 15, Subpart C: Radio Frequency Devices, Intentional Radiators, 2009
- FCC Public Notice DA 00-705 - Filing and Measurement Guidelines for Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum Systems, March 30, 2000
- Industry Canada Radio Standards Specification: RSS-210 - Low-power License-exempt Radiocommunication Devices (All Frequency Bands): Category I Equipment, Issue 7 June 2007
- Industry Canada Radio Standards Specification: RSS-GEN – General Requirements and Information for the Certification of Radiocommunication Equipment, Issue2, June 2007.

4 LIST OF TEST EQUIPMENT

The calibration interval of test equipment is annually or the manufacturer's recommendations. Where the calibration interval deviates from the annual cycle based on the instrument manufacturer's recommendations, it shall be stated below.

Table 4-1: Test Equipment

Equipment Calibration Information					
ACS#	**Mfg.**	**Eq. type**	**Model**	**S/N**	**Cal. Due**
1	Rohde & Schwarz	Spectrum Analyzers	ESMI - Display	833771/007	09-21-2010
2	Rohde & Schwarz	Spectrum Analyzers	ESMI-Receiver	839587/003	09-21-2010
22	Hewlett Packard	Amplifiers	8449B	3008A00526	09-21-2010
30	Spectrum Technologies	Antennas	DRH-0118	970102	05-08-2010
167	ACS	Cable Set	Chamber EMI Cable Set	167	02-06-2010 (See Note1)
168	Hewlett Packard	Attenuators	11947A	44829	02-10-2010 (See Note2)
283	Rohde & Schwarz	Spectrum Analyzers	FSP40	1000033	09-21-2010
291	Florida RF Cables	Cables	SMRE-200W-12.0-SMRE	None	11-24-2010 (See Note1)
292	Florida RF Cables	Cables	SMR-290AW-480.0-SMR	None	11-24-2010 (See Note1)
337	Microwave Circuits	Filter	H1G513G1	282706	07-17-2010
339	Aeroflex/Weinschel	Attenuators	AS-18	7142	07-02-2010 (See Note2)
422	Florida RF Cables	Cables	SMS-200AW-72.0-SMR	0805	02-05-2010 (See Note1)

Note1: Items characterized on an annual cycle. The date shown indicates the next characterization due date.
Note2: Items verified on an annual cycle. The date shown indicates the next verification due date.

5 SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

Table 5-1: Support Equipment

Item	Equipment Type	Manufacturer	Model Number	Serial Number
1	Meter Base Enclosure	Durham Company	UT-RS101B-SQD	NA
2	CENTRON II meter	Itron Electricity Metering	C2SOD (2S)	57 643 720
3	CENTRON II meter	Itron Electricity Metering	C2SOD (2S)	57 757 940
4	Transformer	Sagamo Weston	Type T-6A	325827 002

6 EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST SETUP BLOCK DIAGRAM

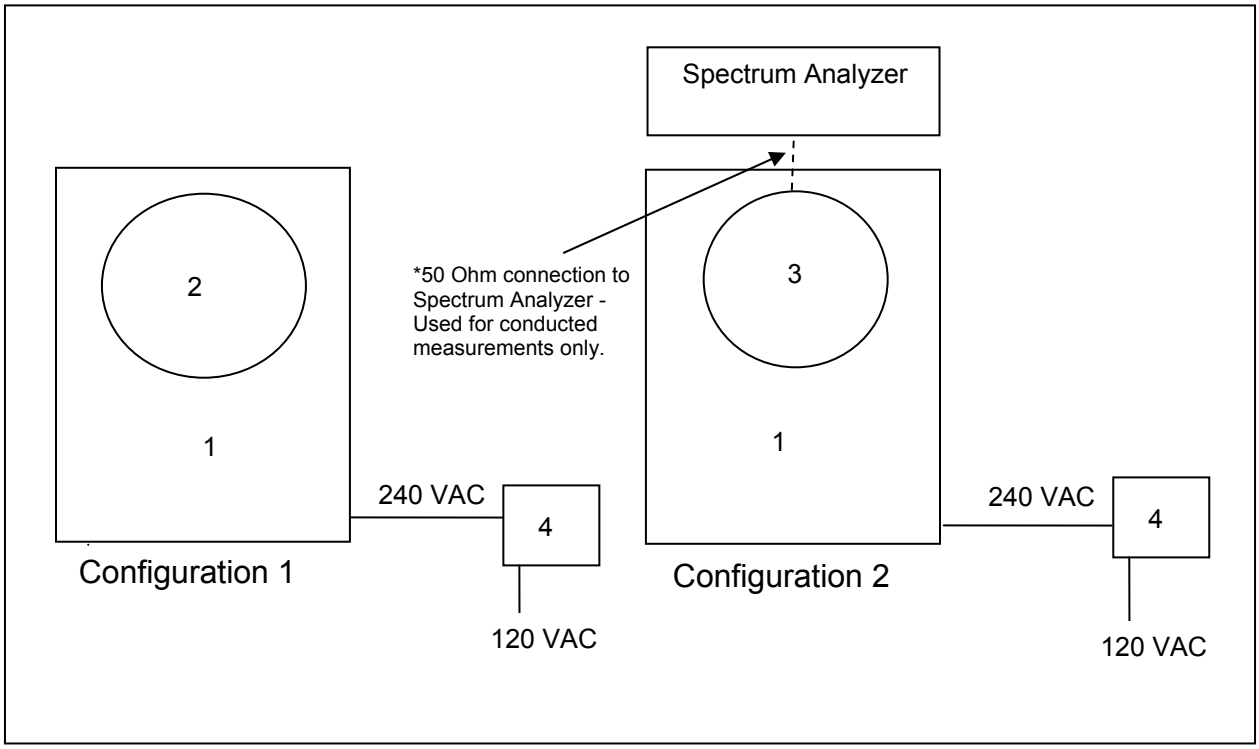

Figure 6-1: EUT Test Setup

*See Test Setup photographs for additional detail.

7 SUMMARY OF TESTS

Along with the tabular data shown below, plots were taken of all signals deemed important enough to document.

7.1 Antenna Requirement – FCC: Section 15.203

The EUT utilizes an embedded quarter wave slot antenna with an estimated gain of 0dBi.

7.2 Peak Output Power - FCC Section 15.247(b)(2) IC: RSS-210 A8.4(1)

7.2.1 Measurement Procedure (Conducted Method)

The 20dB bandwidth of the EUT was within the resolution bandwidth of spectrum analyzer, therefore the power measurement was made using the spectrum analyzer method. The RF output port of the EUT was directly connected to the input of the spectrum analyzer. The resolution and video bandwidth were set to > 20 dB bandwidth of the emission measured. The device employs >50 channels therefore the power is limited to 1 Watt.

7.2.2 Measurement Results

Results are shown below in table 7.2.2-1 and the worst case was plotted and shown in figure 7.2.2-1 to 7.2.2-3 below:

Table 7.2.2-1: RF Output Power

Frequency (MHz)	Output Power (dBm)
902.25	21.49
914.75	20.91
927.75	20.18

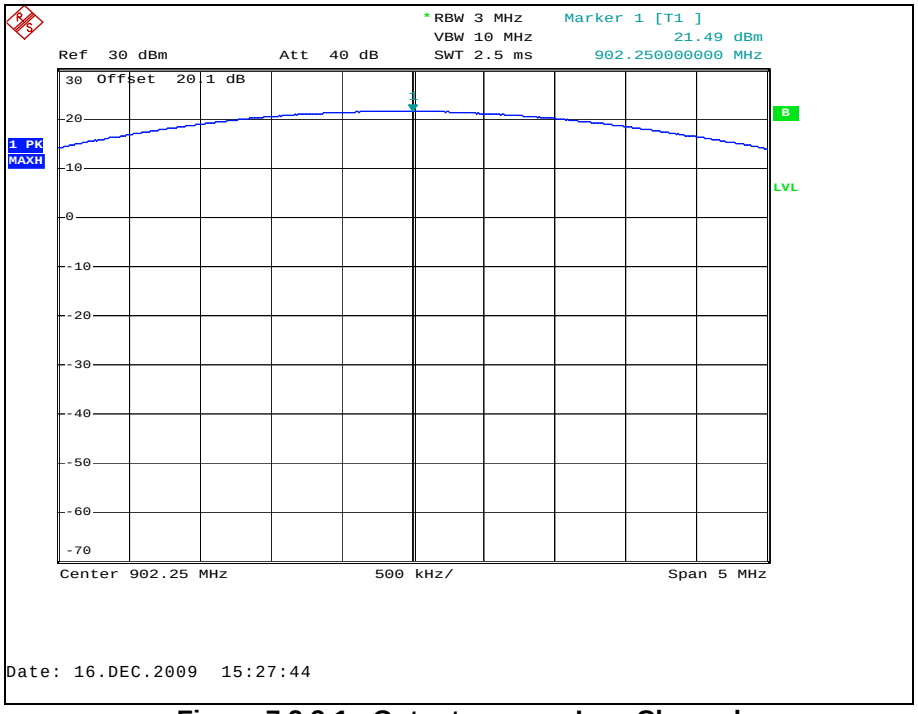

Figure 7.2.2-1: Output power – Low Channel

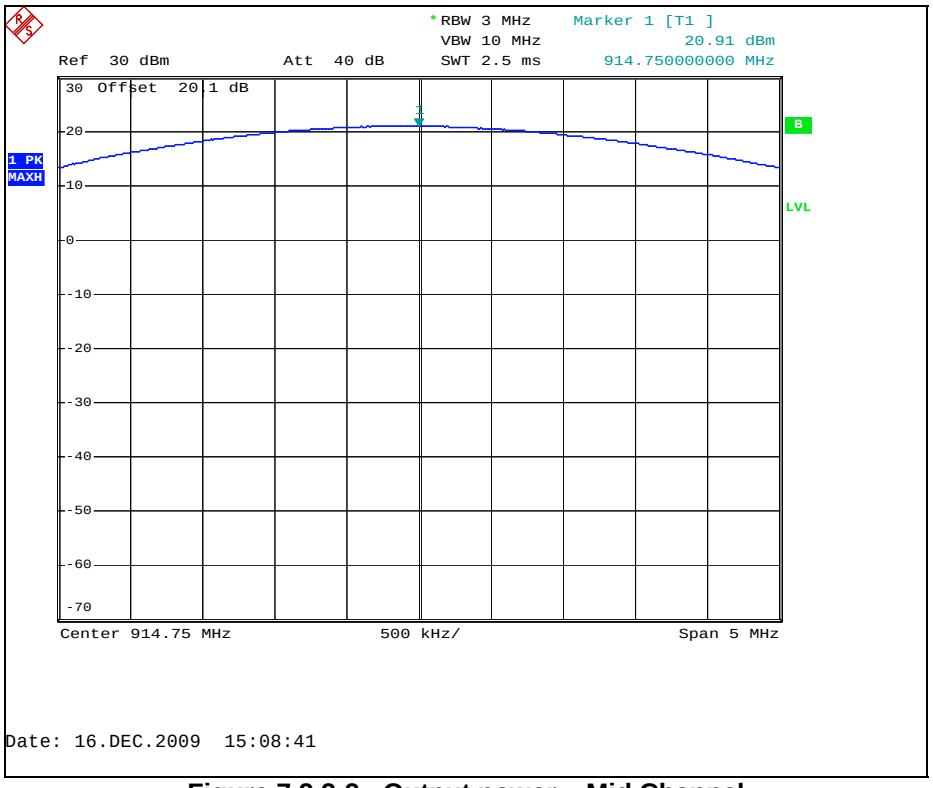

Figure 7.2.2-2: Output power – Mid Channel

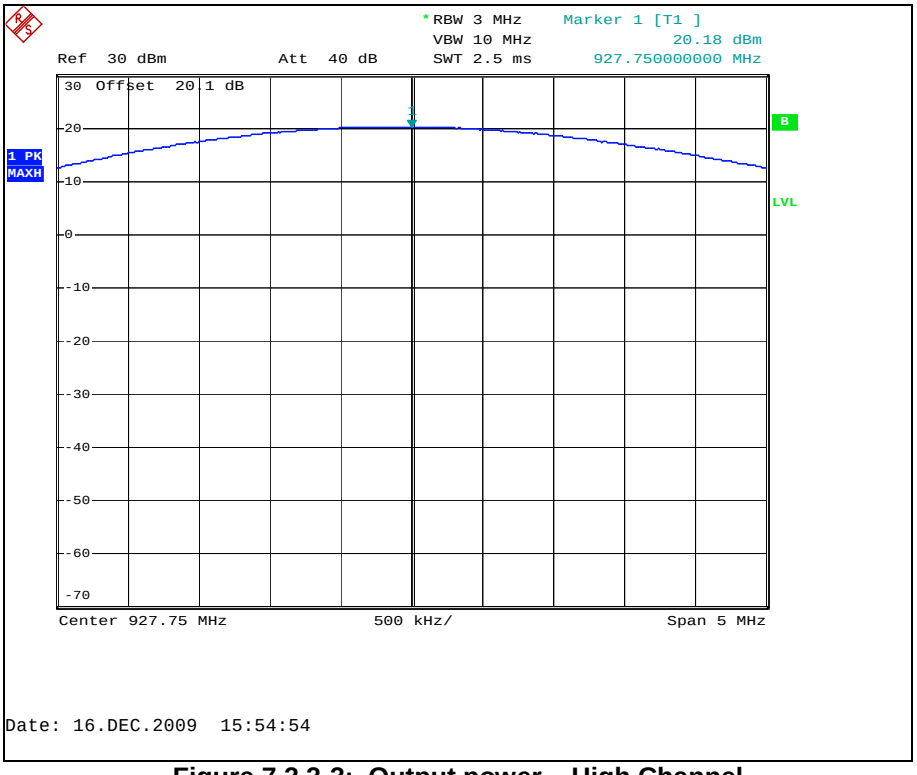

Figure 7.2.2-3: Output power – High Channel

7.3 20dB / 99% Bandwidth - FCC: Section 15.247(a)(1)(i) IC: RSS-210 A8.1(c)

7.3.1 Measurement Procedure

The RF output port of the EUT was directly connected to the input of the spectrum analyzer. The spectrum analyzer span was set to 2 to 3 times the estimated bandwidth of the emission. The RBW was to ≥ 1% of the estimated emission bandwidth. The trace was set to max hold with a peak detector active. The Delta function of the analyzer was utilized to determine the 20 dB bandwidth of the emission.

The 99% occupied bandwidth was measured with the spectrum analyzer span set to fully display the emission and approximately 20dB below the peak level. The RBW was to 1% to 3% of the approximate emission width. The trace was set to max hold with a peak detector active. The occupied bandwidth measurement function of the analyzer was used for the 99% bandwidth.

7.3.2 Measurement Results

Results are shown below in Table 7.3.2-1 and Figures 7.3.2-1 through 7.3.2-6.

Table 7.3.2-1: 20dB / 99% Bandwidth

Frequency [MHz]	20dB Bandwidth [kHz]	99% Bandwidth [kHz]
902.25	378.00	353.00
914.75	376.00	353.00
927.75	358.00	352.00

Figure 7.3.2-1: 20dB Bandwidth Plot – Low Channel

Figure 7.3.2-2: 20dB Bandwidth Plot – Mid Channel

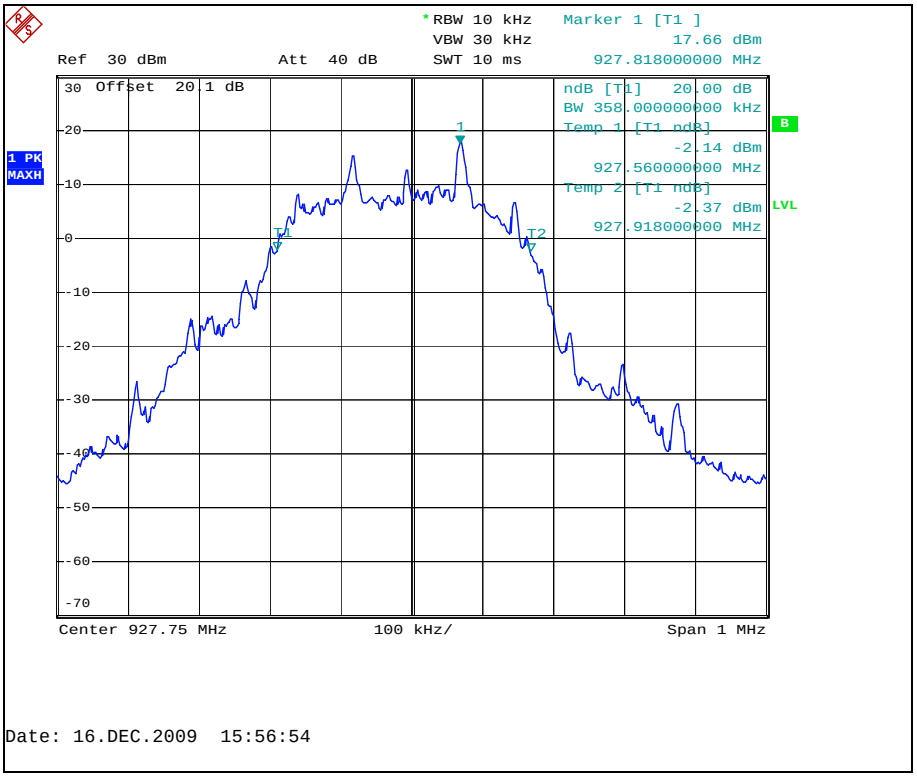

Figure 7.3.2-3: 20dB Bandwidth Plot – High Channel

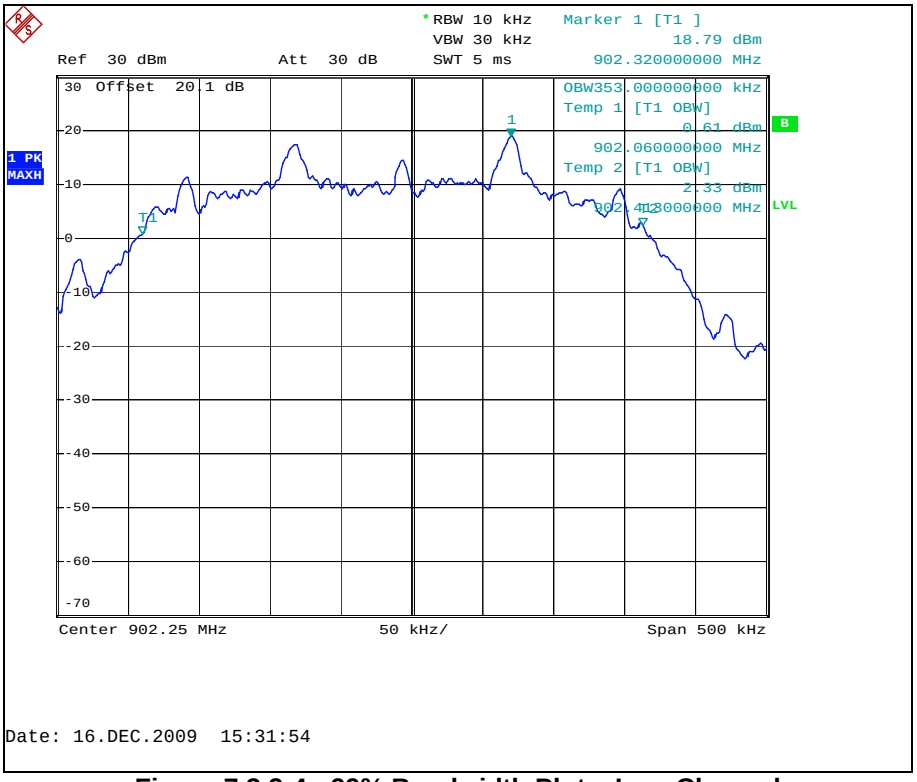

Figure 7.3.2-4: 99% Bandwidth Plot – Low Channel

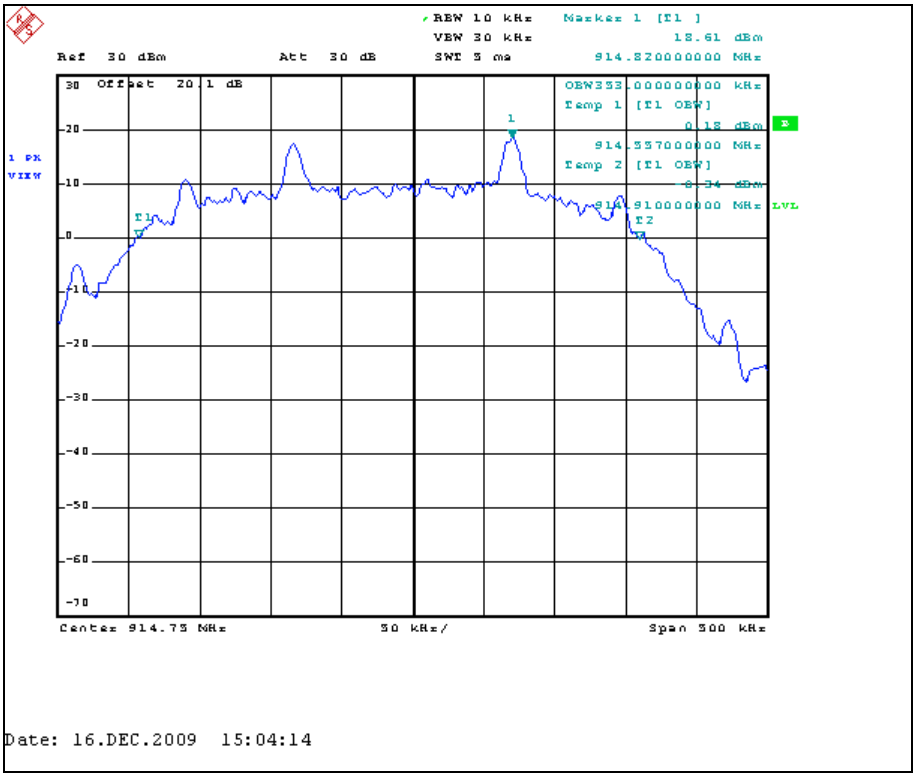

Figure 7.3.2-5: 99% Bandwidth Plot – Mid Channel

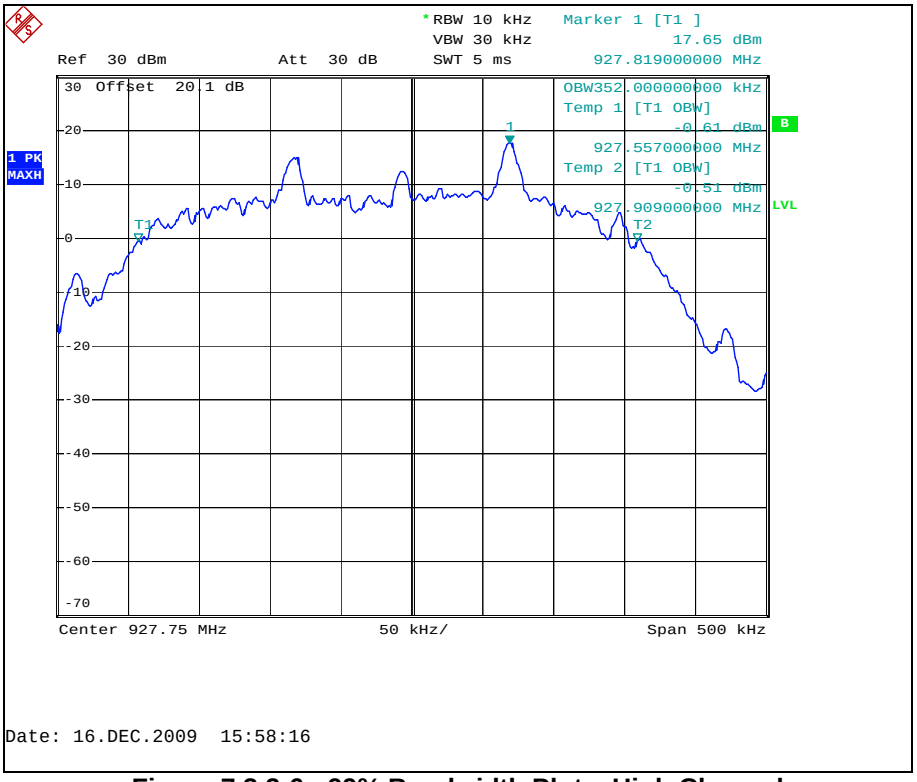

Figure 7.3.2-6: 99% Bandwidth Plot – High Channel

7.4 Band-Edge Compliance and Spurious Emissions-FCC 15.247d IC:RSS-210 2.6, A8.5

7.4.1 Band-Edge Compliance of RF Conducted Emissions

7.4.1.1 Measurement Procedure

The RF output port of the EUT was directly connected to the input of the spectrum analyzer. The EUT was investigated at the lowest and highest channel available to determine band-edge compliance. For each measurement the spectrum analyzer's RBW was set to 30 kHz, which is ≥ 1% of the span, and the VBW was set to 100kHz.

7.4.1.2 Measurement Results

Results are shown in the figures 7.4.1.2-1 to 7.4.1.4 below.

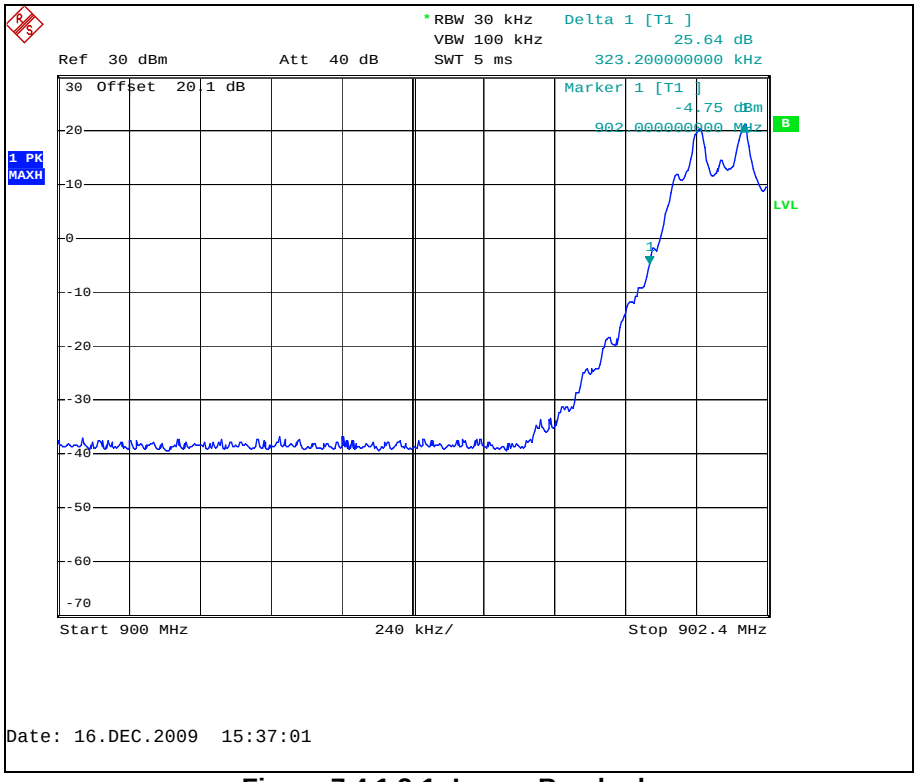

Figure 7.4.1.2-1: Lower Band-edge

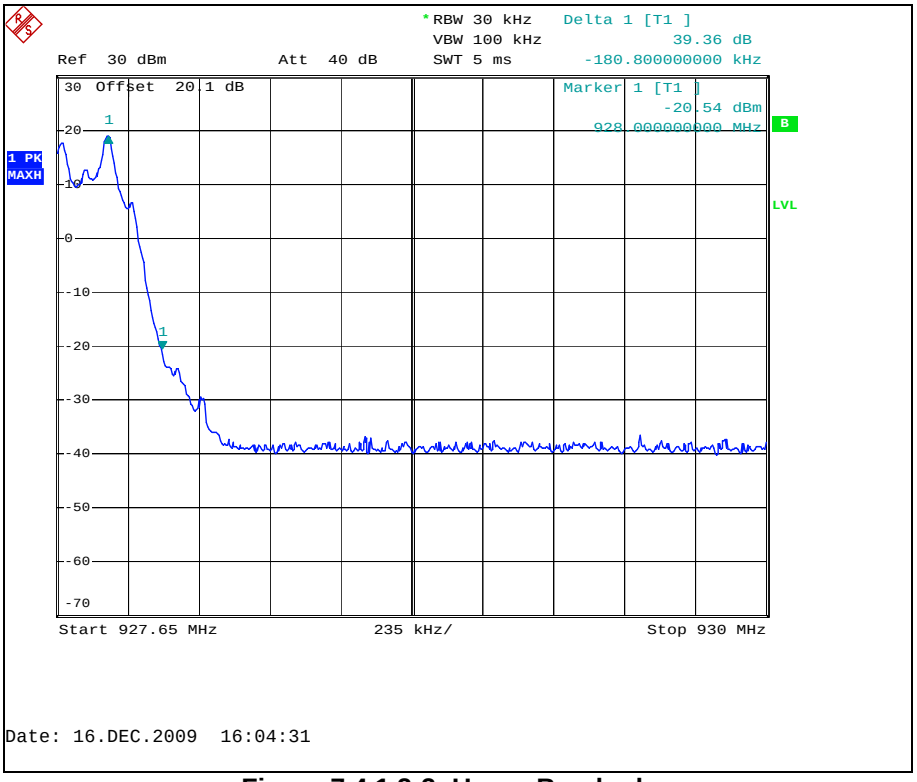

Figure 7.4.1.2-2: Upper Band-edge

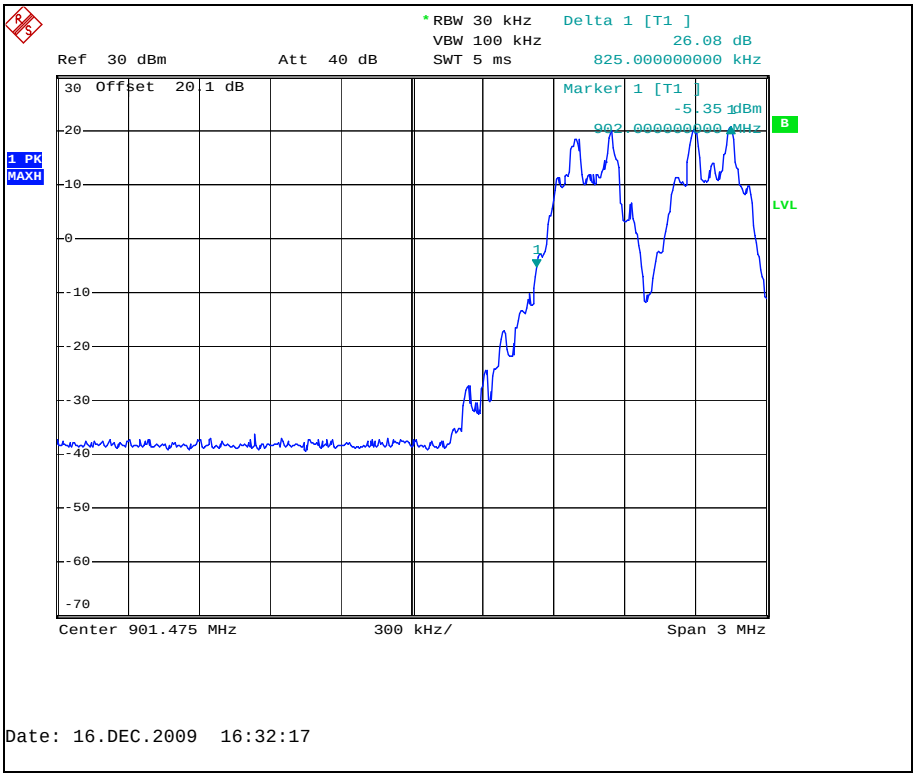

Figure 7.4.1.2-3: Lower Band-edge – Hopping

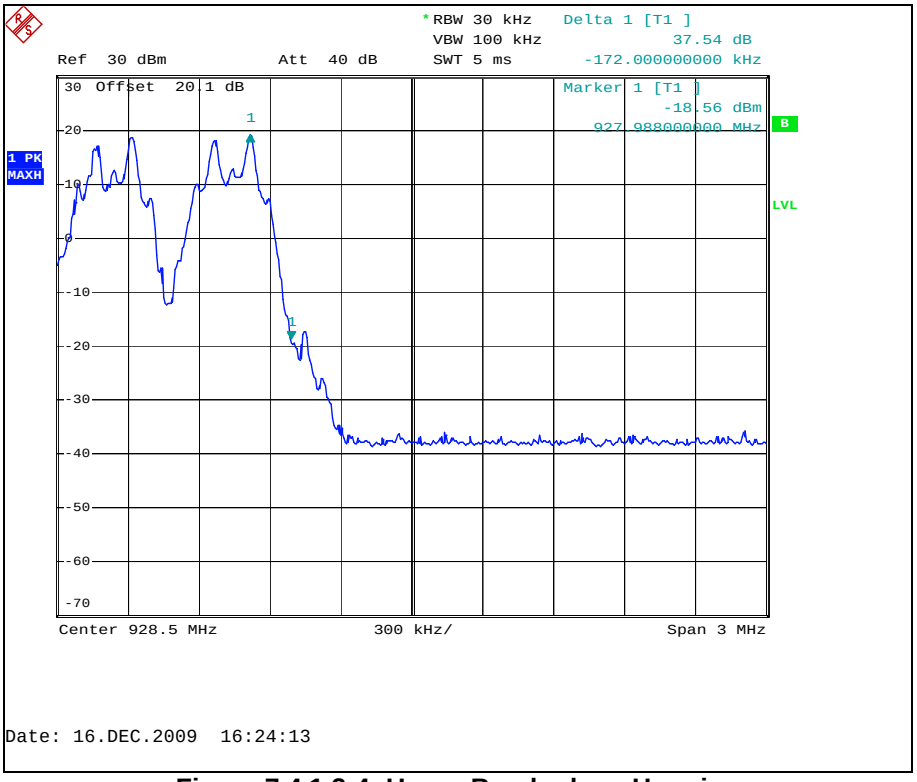

Figure 7.4.1.2-4: Upper Band-edge - Hopping

7.4.2 RF Conducted Spurious Emissions

7.4.2.1 Measurement Procedure

The RF output port of the EUT was directly connected to the input of the spectrum analyzer. The EUT was investigated for conducted spurious emissions from 30MHz to 10GHz, 10 times the highest fundamental frequency. Measurements were made at the low, center and high channels of the EUT. For each measurement, the spectrum analyzer's RBW was set to 100kHz. A peak detector function was used with the trace set to max hold.

7.4.2.2 Measurement Results

Results are shown below in Figures 7.4.2.2-1 to 7.4.2.2-6:

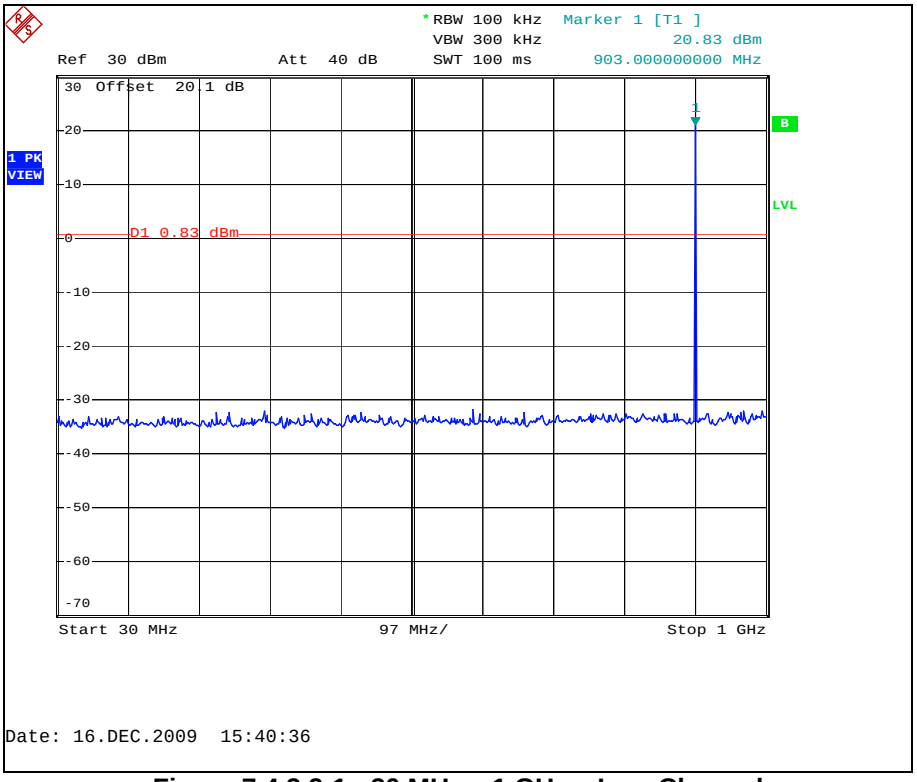

Figure 7.4.2.2-1: 30 MHz – 1 GHz – Low Channel

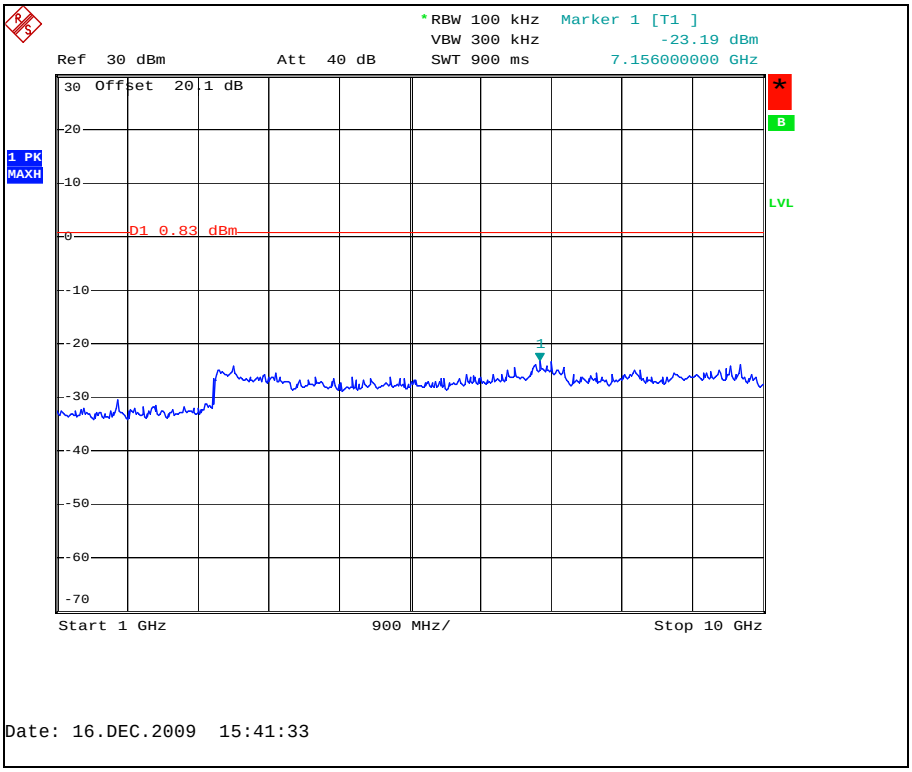

Figure 7.4.2.2-2: 1 GHz – 10 GHz – Low Channel

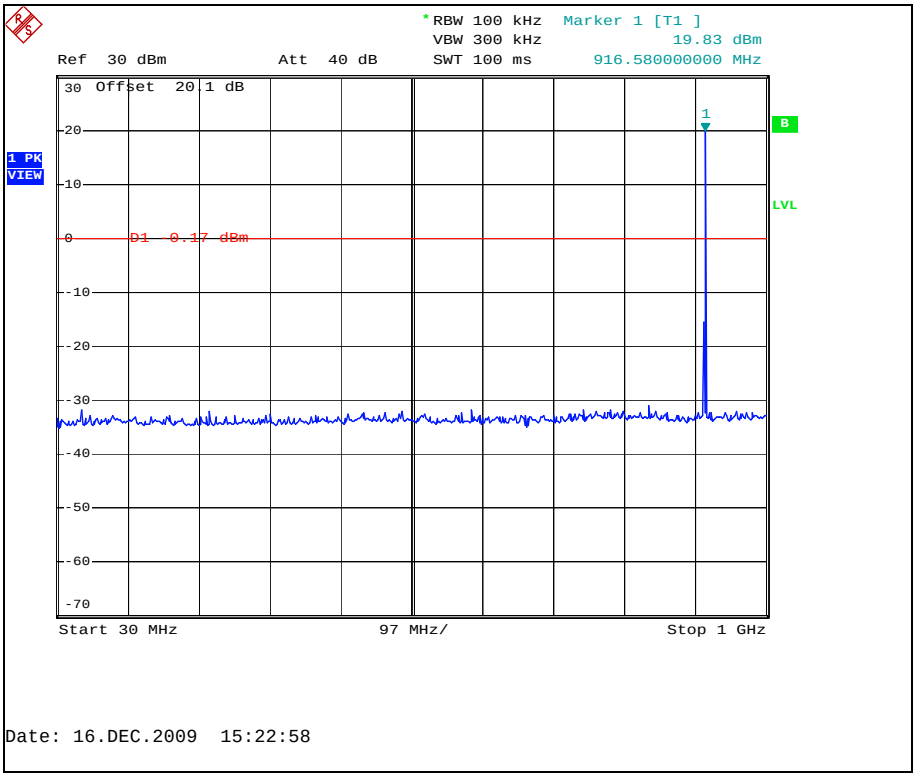

Figure 7.4.2.2-3: 30 MHz – 1 GHz –Mid Channel

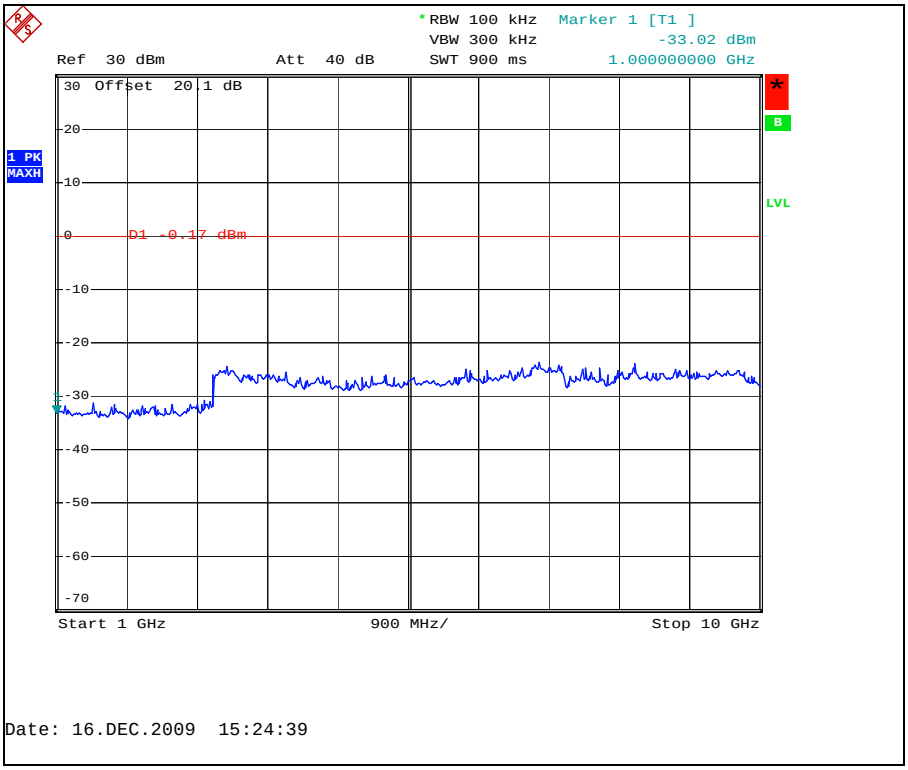

Figure 7.4.2.2-4: 1 GHz – 10 GHz – Mid Channel

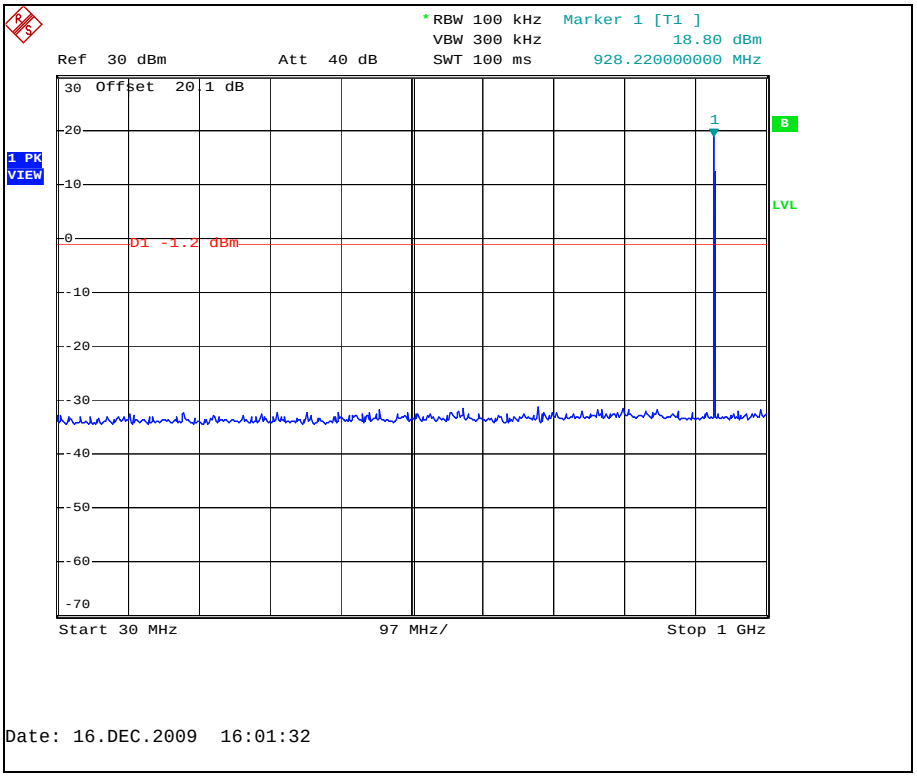

Figure 7.4.2.2-5: 30 MHz – 1 GHz – High Channel

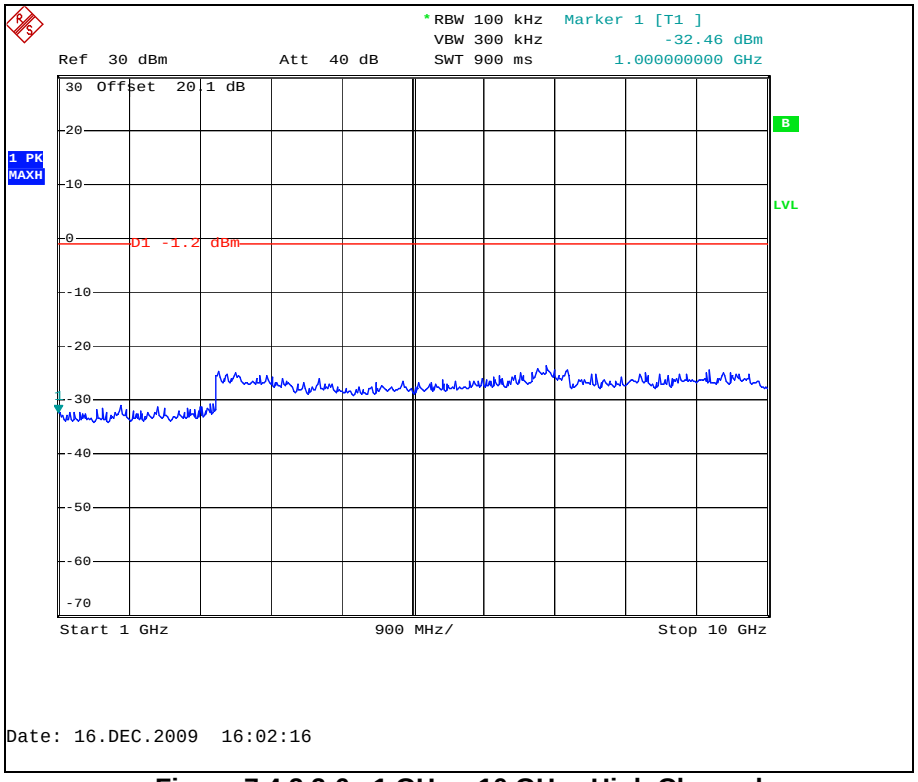

Figure 7.4.2.2-6: 1 GHz – 10 GHz –High Channel

7.4.3 Radiated Spurious Emissions - FCC Section 15.205 IC: RSS-210 2.6

7.4.3.1 Measurement Procedure

Radiated emissions tests were made over the frequency range of 30MHz to 10GHz, 10 times the highest fundamental frequency.

The EUT was rotated through 360° and the receive antenna height was varied from 1m to 4m so that the maximum radiated emissions level would be detected. For frequencies below 1000MHz, quasi-peak measurements were made using a resolution bandwidth RBW of 120 kHz and a video bandwidth VBW of 300 kHz. For frequencies above 1000MHz, peak and average measurements made with RBW and VBW of 1 MHz and 3MHz respectively.

The EUT was caused to generate a continuous carrier signal on the hopping channel.

The magnitudes of all emissions not reported were below the noise floor of the measurement system.

7.4.3.2 Measurement Results

Radiated spurious emissions found in the band of 30MHz to 10GHz are reported in the Table 7.4.3.2-1 below.

Table 7.4.3.2-1: Radiated Spurious Emissions Tabulated Data

Frequency (MHz)	Level (dBuV)		Antenna Polarity	Correction Factors	Corrected Level (dBuV/m)		Limit (dBuV/m)		Margin (dB)	
	pk	Qpk/Avg	(H/V)	(dB)	pk	Qpk/Avg	pk	Qpk/Avg	pk	Qpk/Avg
Low Channel										
2706.75	45.47	32.92	H	2.24	47.71	35.16	74.0	54.0	26.30	18.80
2706.75	45.93	32.69	V	2.24	48.17	34.93	74.0	54.0	25.80	19.10
Middle Channel										
2744.25	43.19	31.70	H	2.29	45.48	33.99	74.0	54.0	28.50	20.00
2744.25	42.83	31.62	V	2.29	45.12	33.91	74.0	54.0	28.90	20.10
High Channel										
2783.25	42.73	30.62	H	2.35	45.08	32.97	74.0	54.0	28.90	21.00
2783.25	42.65	30.82	V	2.35	45.00	33.17	74.0	54.0	29.00	20.80

* Note: All emissions above 2783.25 MHz were attenuated below the permissible limit.

7.4.3.3 Sample Calculation:

$R_C = R_U + CF_T$

Where:

CF_T	=	Total Correction Factor (AF+CA+AG)-DC (Average Measurements Only)
R_U	=	Uncorrected Reading
R_C	=	Corrected Level
AF	=	Antenna Factor
CA	=	Cable Attenuation
AG	=	Amplifier Gain
DC	=	Duty Cycle Correction Factor

Example Calculation: Peak
Corrected Level: 45.47+ 2.24 = 47.71dBuV/m
Margin: 74dBuV/m – 47.71dBuV/m = 26.3dB

Example Calculation: Average
Corrected Level: 32.92+ 2.24 – 0 = 35.16dBuV
Margin: 54dBuV – 35.16dBuV = 18.8dB

8 CONCLUSION

In the opinion of ACS, Inc. the CN2SO, CN2SOD, C2SOD, and C2SO; manufactured by Itron Electricity Metering, Inc. meets the requirements of FCC Part 15 subpart C and Industry Canada's Radio Standards Specification RSS-210.

END REPORT