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1.0 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.

1.2 Product Description

1.2.1 General

The C1A-3 is part of the CENTRON meter family, a solid-state, single phase and network meter used for measuring electrical energy consumption. The CENTRON meter family incorporates a two piece design combining a base metrology with a variety of personality modules that snap on the standard meter base. Utilizing the Hall Effect technology for accurate power measurement, 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 C1A-3 contains a frequency hopping spread spectrum transmitter utilizing OOK modulation. The C1A-3 will be a transmit-only meter module that collects and transmits metering data over the 902 - 928 MHz Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) RF band.

Detailed photographs of the EUT are filed separately with this filing.

1.2.2 Intended Use

The C1A-3 will be a transmit-only meter module that collects and transmits metering data over the 902 - 928 MHz Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) RF band for collection by electric utility companies.

2.0 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
Fax: (770) 831-8598

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 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: 89450

Industry Canada Lab Code: IC 4175

VCCI Member Number: 1831

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

NVLAP Lab Code: 200612

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:

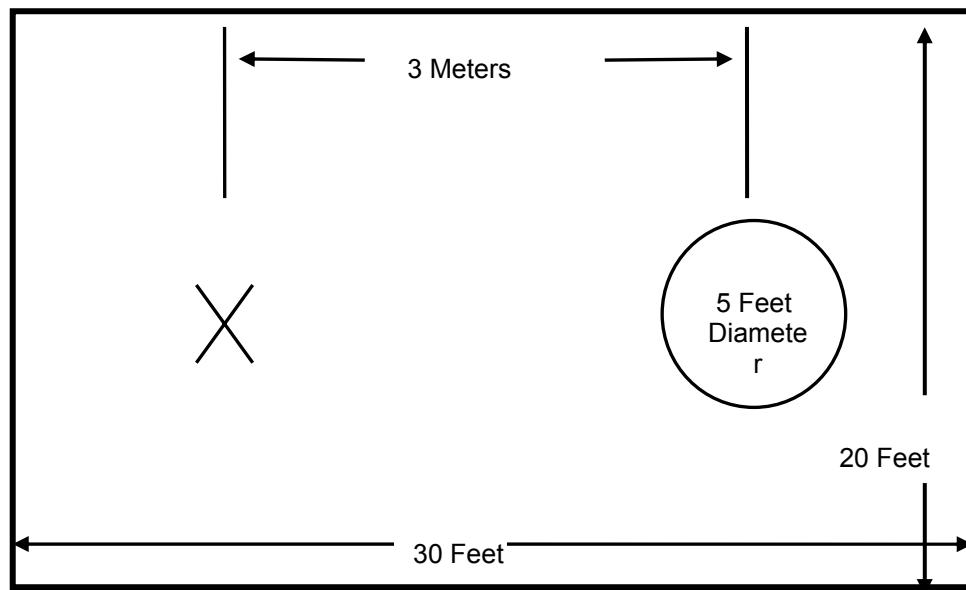


Figure 2.3-1: Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site

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:

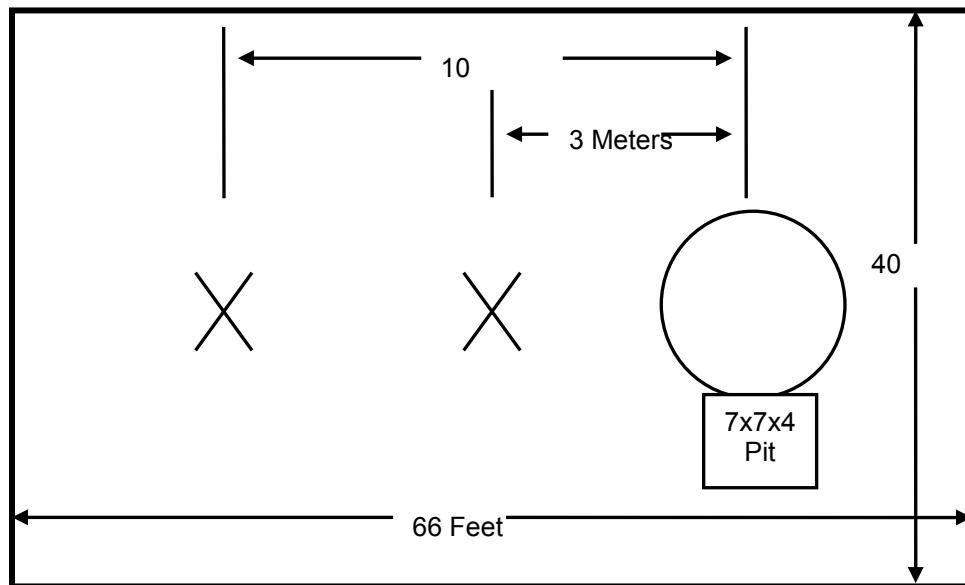


Figure 2.3-2: Open Area Test Site

2.4 Conducted Emissions Test Site Description

The AC mains conducted EMI site is a shielded room with the following dimensions:

- Height: 3.0 Meters
- Width: 3.6 Meters
- Length: 4.9 Meters

The room is manufactured by Rayproof Corporation and installed by Panashield, Inc. Earth ground is provided to the room via an 8' copper ground rod. Each panel of the room is connected electrically at intervals of 4".

Power to the room is filtered to prevent ambient noise from coupling to the EUT and measurement equipment. Filters are models 1B42-60P manufactured by Rayproof Corporation.

The room 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 2.4-1:

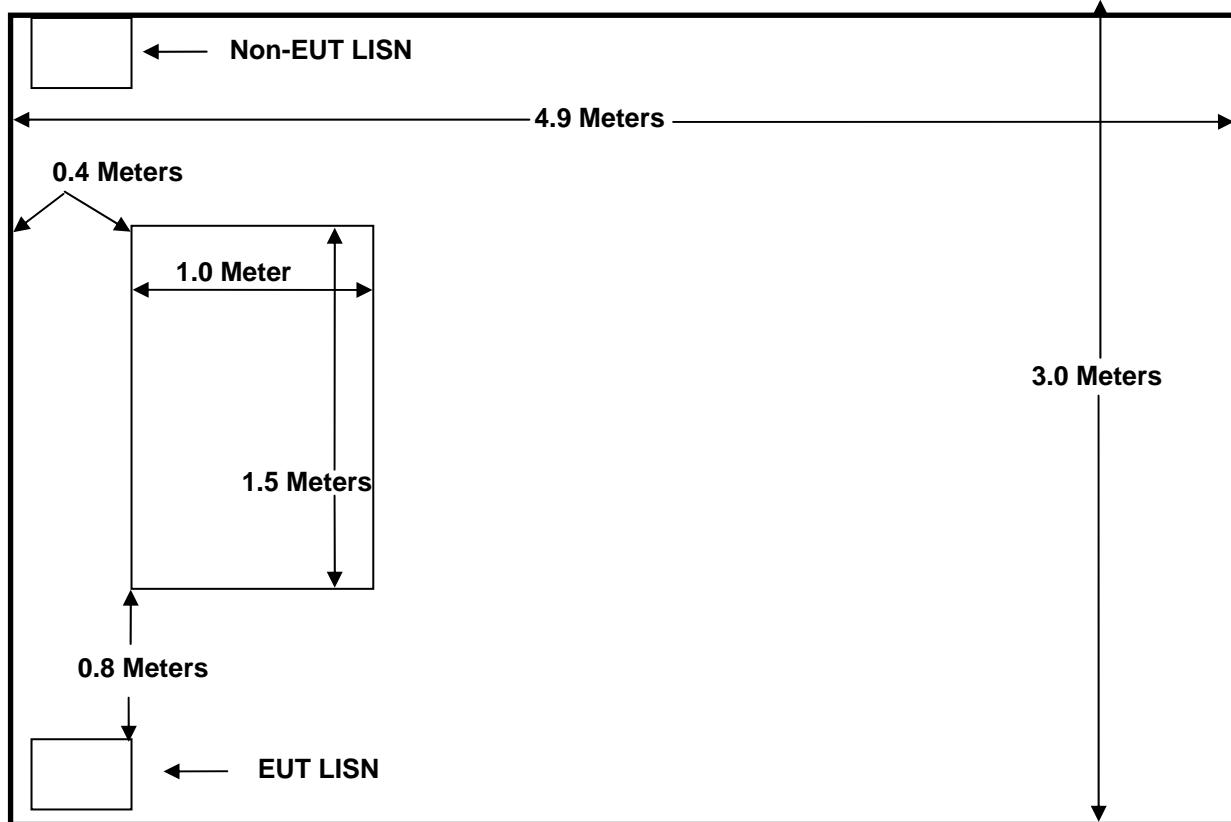


Figure 2.4-1: AC Mains Conducted EMI Site

3.0 APPLICABLE STANDARD REFERENCES

The following standards were used:

- ❖ ANSI C63.4-1992: 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 (October 2004)
- ❖ US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Title 47, Part 15, Subpart C: Radio Frequency Devices, Intentional Radiators (October 2004)
- ❖ FCC OET Bulletin 65 Appendix C - Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields

4.0 LIST OF TEST EQUIPMENT

All test equipment used for regulatory testing is calibrated yearly or according to manufacturer's specifications.

Table 4.0-1: Test Equipment

| Equipment Calibration Information | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| ACS# | Mfg. | Eq. type | Model | S/N | Cal. Due |
| 26 | Chase | Bi-Log Antenna | CBL6111 | 1044 | 10/05/05 |
| 152 | EMCO | LISN | 3825/2 | 9111-1905 | 01/18/06 |
| 153 | EMCO | LISN | 3825/2 | 9411-2268 | 12/20/05 |
| 193 | ACS | OATS Cable Set | RG8 | 193 | 01/07/06 |
| 225 | Andrew | OATS RF cable | Heliax | 225 | 01/06/06 |
| 165 | ACS | Conducted EMI Cable Set | RG8 | 165 | 01/06/06 |
| 22 | Agilent | Pre-Amplifier | 8449B | 3008A00526 | 05/12/05 |
| 73 | Agilent | Pre-Amplifier | 8447D | 272A05624 | 04/30/05 |
| 30 | Spectrum Technologies | Horn Antenna | DRH-0118 | 970102 | 05/08/05 |
| 105 | Microwave Circuits | High Pass Filter | H1G810G1 | 2123-01 DC0225 | 06/09/05 |
| 209 | Microwave Circuits | High Pass Filters | H3G020G2 | 4382-01 DC0421 | 06/09/05 |
| 1 | Rohde & Schwarz | Receiver | 804.8932.52 | 833771/007 | 02/26/06 |
| 2 | Rohde & Schwarz | Receiver | 1032.5640.53 | 839587/003 | 02/26/06 |
| 3 | Rohde & Schwarz | ESMI Receiver | 804.8932.52 | 839379/011 | 12/15/05 |
| 4 | Rohde & Schwarz | ESMI Receiver | 1032.5640.53 | 833827/003 | 12/15/05 |
| 213 | Test Equipment Corp. | Pre-Amplifier | PA-102 | 44927 | 06/28/05 |
| 211 | Eagle | Band Reject Filter | C7RFM3NFM | n/a | 06/28/05 |
| 168 | Hewlett Packard | Pulse Limiter | 11947A | 3107A02268 | 04/30/05 |
| 93 | Chase | EM Clamp | CIC 8101 | 65 | 01/06/06 |
| 204 | ACS | Cable | RG8 | 204 | 12/29/05 |
| 169 | Solar Electronics | LISN | 9117-5-TS-50-N | 031032 | 04/12/05 |
| 6 | Harbour Industries | HF RF Cable | LL-335 | 00006 | 03/16/06 |
| 7 | Harbour Industries | HF RF Cable | LL-335 | 00007 | 03/16/06 |
| 208 | n/a | HF RF Cable | n/a | 00208 | 06/14/05 |
| 5 | ChaseRF Current Probe | Current Probe | CSP-8441 | 19 | 01/06/06 |
| 237 | Gigatronics | Signal Generator | 900 | 282706 | 01/03/06 |
| 176 | Weinschel | 30 dB Attenuator | 46-30-34 | BN4922 | 1/10/2006 |
| N/A | Termaline | Coaxial Resistor 100W | 8164 | 7655 | N/A |
| 167 | ACS | Chamber EMI Cable Set | RG6 | 167 | 12/29/05 |
| 204 | ACS | Chamber EMI RF cable | RG8 | 204 | 01/07/06 |

* Note: No calibration required – used for pre-scan data only

5.0 SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

Table 5-3: Support Equipment

| Manufacturer | Equipment Type | Model Number | Serial Number | FCC ID |
|--------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| | | | | |
| | | EUT Was Self Supporting | | |
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6.0 EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST SETUP BLOCK DIAGRAM

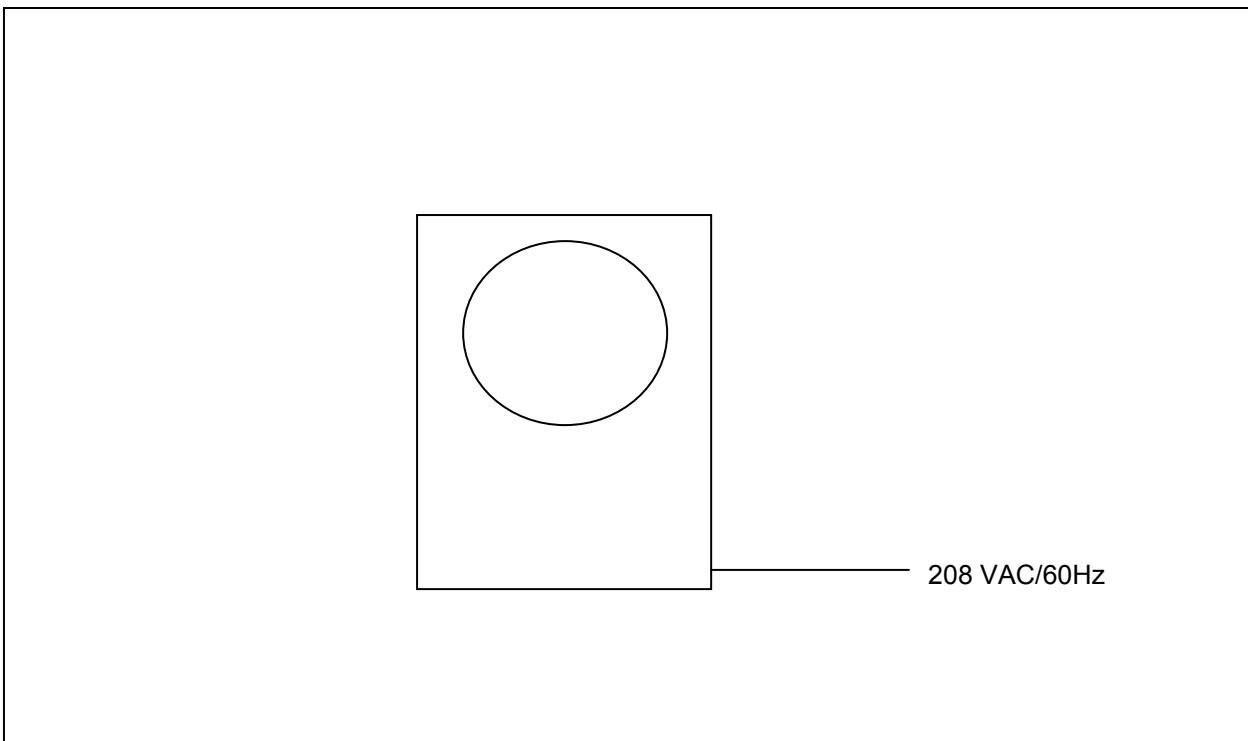


Figure 6-1: EUT Test Setup

7.0 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 employs an integrated antenna that cannot be modified without damaging the device.

7.2 Power Line Conducted Emissions - FCC Section 15.207

7.2.1 Test Methodology

ANSI C63.4 sections 6 and 7 were the guiding documents for this evaluation. Conducted emissions were performed from 150kHz to 30MHz with the spectrum analyzer's resolution bandwidth set to 9kHz and the video bandwidth set to 30kHz. The calculation for the conducted emissions is as follows:

Corrected Reading = Analyzer Reading + LISN Loss + Cable Loss

Margin = Corrected Reading – Applicable Limit

7.2.2 Test Results

Results of the test are shown below in and Tables 7.2-1 through 7.2-4 and Figure 7.2-1 through 7.2-2

Table 7.2-1: Line 1 Conducted EMI Results (Quasi-Peak)

| Frequency MHz | Level dB μ V | Transducer dB | Limit dB μ V | Margin dB | Line | PE |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|------|-----|
| 0.294 | 22.0 | 9.6 | 60.4 | 38.3 | L1 | GND |
| 0.396 | 21.9 | 9.6 | 57.9 | 35.9 | L1 | GND |
| 0.534 | 23.5 | 9.6 | 56 | 32.4 | L1 | GND |
| 0.840 | 16.9 | 9.9 | 56 | 39.0 | L1 | GND |
| 1.458 | 12.3 | 9.6 | 56 | 43.6 | L1 | GND |
| 4.194 | 37.8 | 9.6 | 56 | 18.2 | L1 | GND |
| 8.388 | 22.9 | 9.6 | 60 | 37.0 | L1 | GND |
| 16.776 | 22.1 | 9.7 | 60 | 37.8 | L1 | GND |
| 20.970 | 24.3 | 9.7 | 60 | 35.6 | L1 | GND |
| 29.364 | 29.4 | 9.8 | 60 | 30.5 | L1 | GND |

Table 7.2-2: Line 1 Conducted EMI Results (Average)

| Frequency MHz | Level dB μ V | Transducer dB | Limit dB μ V | Margin dB | Line | PE |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|------|-----|
| 0.294 | 12.2 | 9.6 | 50.4 | 38.1 | L1 | GND |
| 0.372 | 12.8 | 9.6 | 48.4 | 35.6 | L1 | GND |
| 0.504 | 12.6 | 9.6 | 46 | 33.3 | L1 | GND |
| 0.852 | 8.1 | 9.9 | 46 | 37.8 | L1 | GND |
| 1.458 | 8.3 | 9.6 | 46 | 37.6 | L1 | GND |
| 4.194 | 34.4 | 9.6 | 46 | 11.5 | L1 | GND |
| 8.388 | 19.0 | 9.6 | 50 | 30.9 | L1 | GND |
| 16.776 | 18.5 | 9.7 | 50 | 31.4 | L1 | GND |
| 20.970 | 20.7 | 9.7 | 50 | 29.2 | L1 | GND |
| 29.364 | 24.6 | 9.8 | 50 | 25.3 | L1 | GND |

Table 7.2-3: Line 2 Conducted EMI Results (Quasi-Peak)

| Frequency MHz | Level dB μ V | Transducer dB | Limit dB μ V | Margin dB | Line | PE |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|------|-----|
| 0.294 | 24.9 | 9.6 | 60.4 | 35.4 | L2 | GND |
| 0.414 | 26.0 | 9.6 | 57.5 | 31.5 | L2 | GND |
| 0.558 | 26.7 | 9.6 | 56 | 29.2 | L2 | GND |
| 0.894 | 18.8 | 9.8 | 56 | 37.1 | L2 | GND |
| 1.590 | 10.7 | 9.6 | 56 | 45.2 | L2 | GND |
| 4.194 | 38.2 | 9.6 | 56 | 17.7 | L2 | GND |
| 8.388 | 23.3 | 9.6 | 60 | 36.6 | L2 | GND |
| 16.776 | 22.5 | 9.7 | 60 | 37.4 | L2 | GND |
| 20.970 | 23.8 | 9.7 | 60 | 36.1 | L2 | GND |
| 29.364 | 30.4 | 9.8 | 60 | 29.5 | L2 | GND |

Table 7.2-4: Line 2 Conducted EMI Results (Average)

| Frequency MHz | Level dB μ V | Transducer dB | Limit dB μ V | Margin dB | Line | PE |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|------|-----|
| 0.294 | 11.7 | 9.6 | 50.4 | 38.6 | L2 | GND |
| 0.372 | 12.4 | 9.6 | 48.4 | 36.0 | L2 | GND |
| 0.510 | 12.6 | 9.6 | 46 | 33.3 | L2 | GND |
| 0.912 | 8.6 | 9.7 | 46 | 37.3 | L2 | GND |
| 1.536 | 6.7 | 9.6 | 46 | 39.2 | L2 | GND |
| 4.194 | 34.2 | 9.6 | 46 | 11.7 | L2 | GND |
| 8.388 | 18.8 | 9.6 | 50 | 31.1 | L2 | GND |
| 16.776 | 18.7 | 9.7 | 50 | 31.2 | L2 | GND |
| 20.976 | 18.9 | 9.7 | 50 | 31.0 | L2 | GND |
| 29.364 | 24.8 | 9.8 | 50 | 25.1 | L2 | GND |

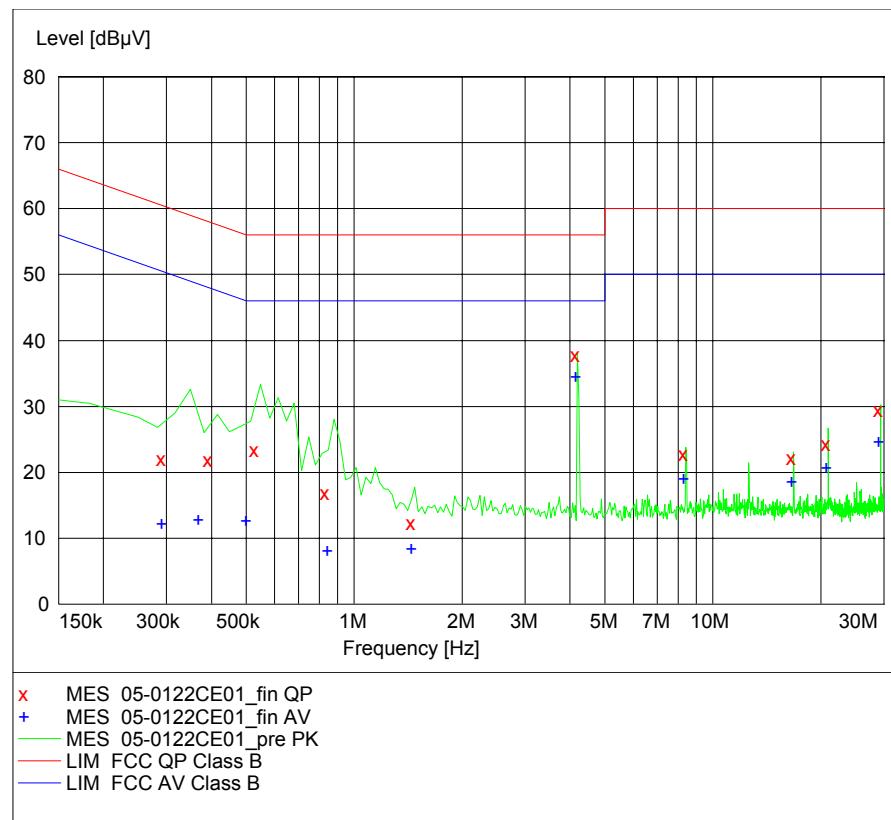


Figure 7.2-1: Conducted Emissions Graph – Line 1

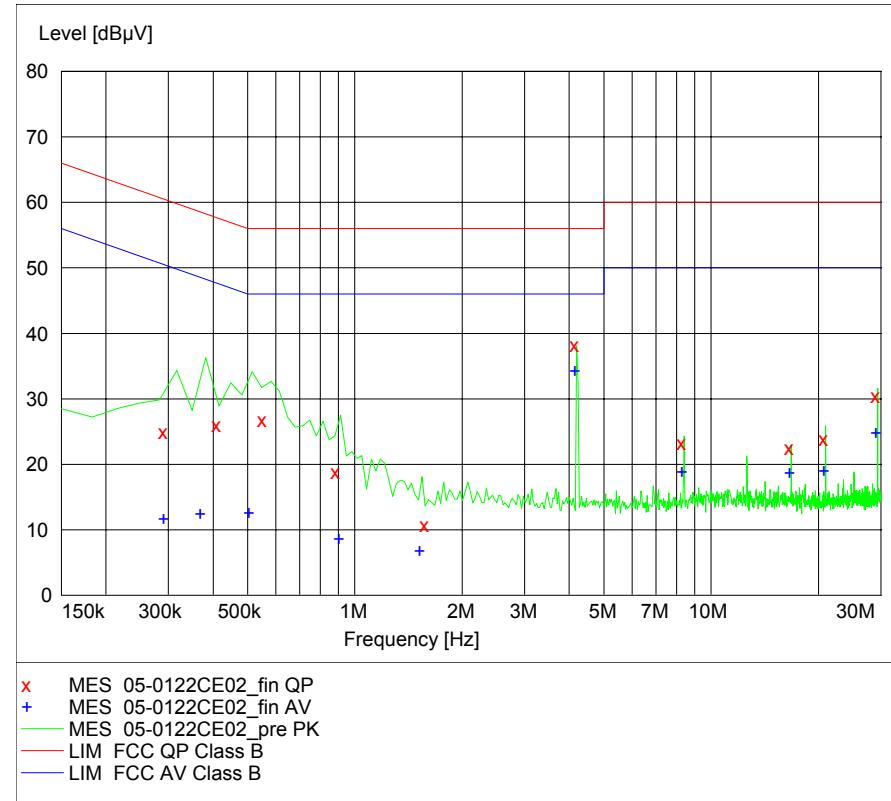


Figure 7.2-2: Conducted Emissions Graph – Line 2

7.3 Radiated Emissions - FCC Section 15.109(Unintentional Radiation)**7.3.1 Test Methodology**

Radiated emissions tests were performed over the frequency range of 30MHz to 1 GHz. Measurements of the radiated field strength were made at a distance of 3m from the boundary of the equipment under test (EUT) and the receiving antenna. The antenna height was varied from 1m to 4m so that the maximum radiated emissions level would be detected. Radiated measurements were made with the Spectrum Analyzer's resolution bandwidth set to 120 KHz for measurements above 30MHz. Average measurements are taken with the RBW and VBW were set to 1MHz and 10 Hz respectively for measurements above 1000MHz.

7.3.2 Test Results

Results of the test are given in Table 7.3-1 below:

Table 7.3-1: Radiated Emissions Tabulated Data

| Frequency (MHz) | Polarization | Height (cm) | Azimuth (deg) | Level (dB μ V/m) | Limit (dB μ V/m) | Margin (dB) |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 457.840 | VERTICAL | 110 | 344 | 33.70 | 46.0 | 12.3 |
| 786.880 | HORIZONTAL | 249 | 0 | 38.80 | 46.0 | 7.2 |
| 839.200 | HORIZONTAL | 250 | 12 | 32.50 | 46.0 | 13.5 |
| 849.440 | VERTICAL | 400 | 357 | 30.70 | 46.0 | 15.3 |
| 945.280 | VERTICAL | 278 | 0 | 24.20 | 46.0 | 21.8 |

* Note: All emissions above 945.28 MHz were attenuated below the permissible limit.

7.4 Peak Output Power – FCC Section 15.247(b)(2)

7.4.1 Test Methodology (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 resolution and video bandwidth were set to > 20 dB bandwidth of the emission measured (300 kHz/1 MHz). The device employs >50 channels therefore the power is limited to 1 Watt.

7.4.2 Test Results

Results are shown below in table 7.4-1 and the worst case was plotted and shown in figure 7.4-1 to 7.4-3 below:

Table 7.4-1: RF Output Power

| Frequency [MHz] | Level [dBm] |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 909.5861 | 21.67 |
| 915.6142 | 20.35 |
| 921.7733 | 20.86 |

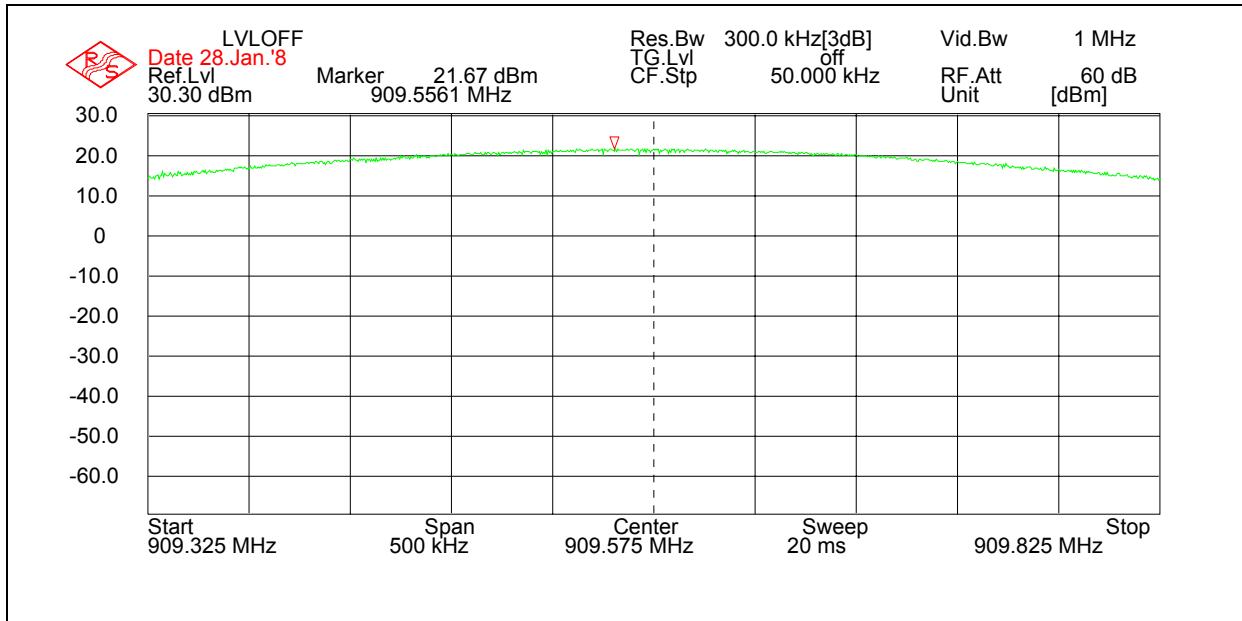


Figure 7.4-1: Output power – Low Channel

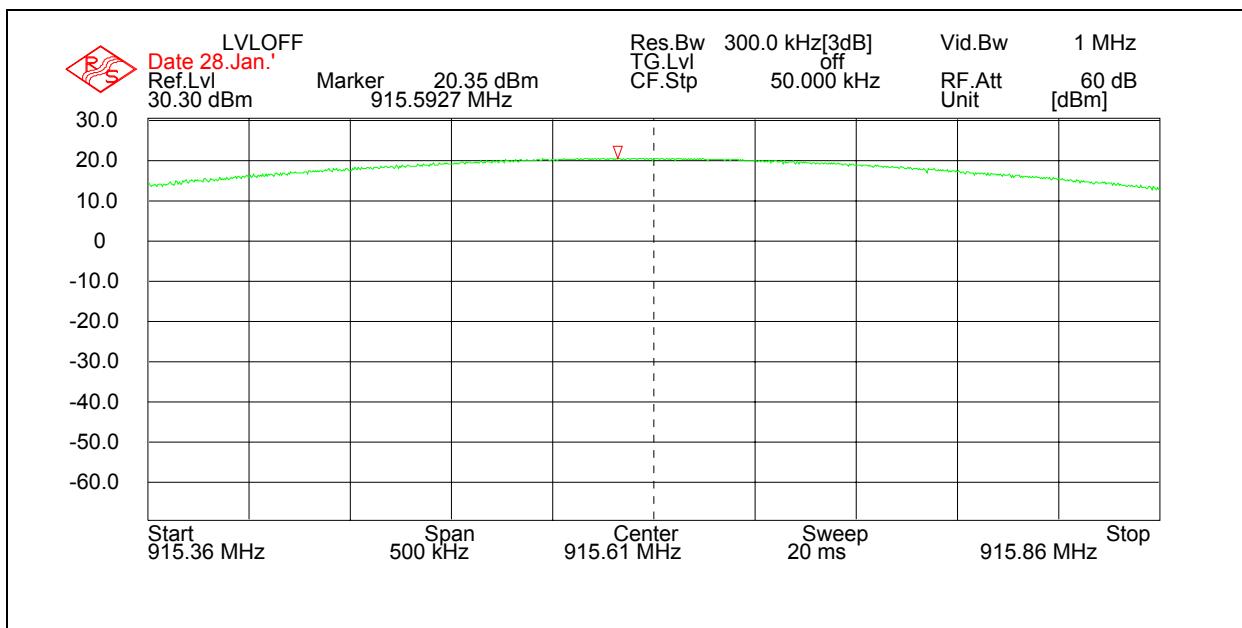


Figure 7.4-2: Output power – Mid Channel

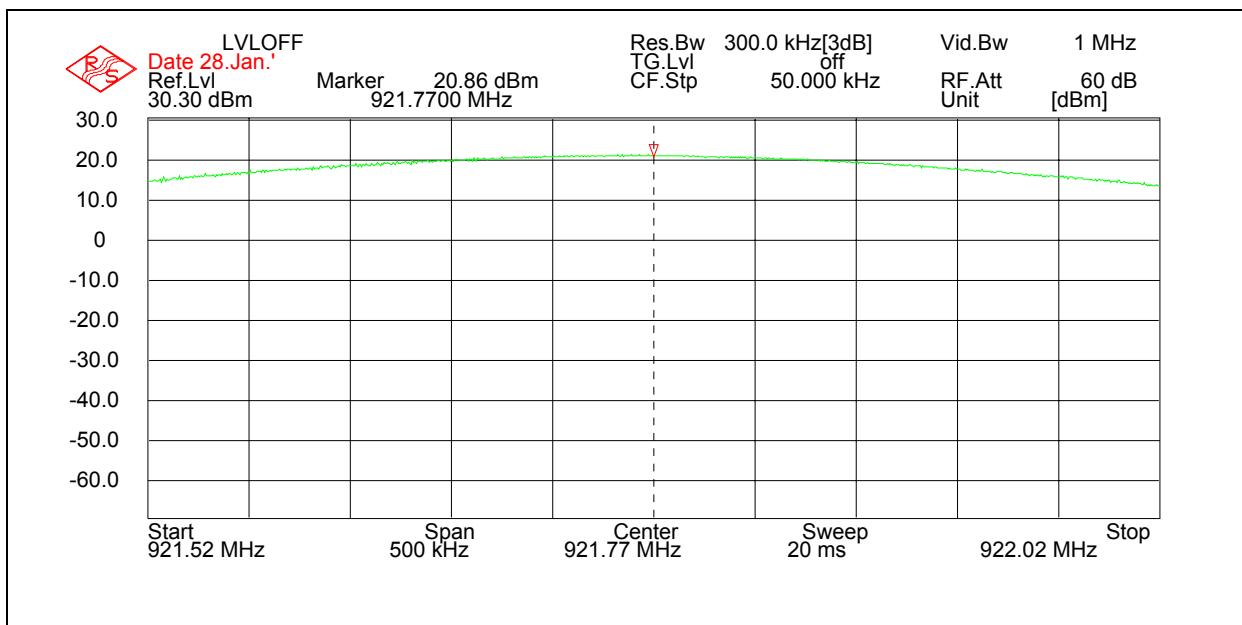


Figure 7.4-3: Output power – High Channel

7.5 Channel Usage Requirements - FCC Section 15.247(a) (1)

15.247(a)(1): Frequency hopping systems shall have hopping channel carrier frequencies separated by a minimum of 25 kHz or the 20 dB bandwidth of the hopping channel, whichever is greater. The system shall hop to channel frequencies that are selected at the system hopping rate from a pseudo randomly ordered list of hopping frequencies. Each frequency must be used equally on the average by each transmitter. The system receivers shall have input bandwidths that match the hopping channel bandwidths of their corresponding transmitters and shall shift frequencies in synchronization with the transmitted signals.

15.247(a) (1) (i): For frequency hopping systems operating in the 902–928 MHz band: if the 20 dB bandwidth of the hopping channel is less than 250 kHz, the system shall use at least 50 hopping frequencies and the average time of occupancy on any frequency shall not be greater than 0.4 seconds within a 20 second period; if the 20 dB bandwidth of the hopping channel is 250 kHz or greater, the system shall use at least 25 hopping frequencies and the average time of occupancy on any frequency shall not be greater than 0.4 seconds within a 10 second period. The maximum allowed 20 dB bandwidth of the hopping channel is 500 kHz.

7.5.1 Carrier Frequency Separation

7.5.1.1 Test Methodology

The span of the spectrum analyzer was set wide enough to capture two adjacent peaks and the RBW and VBW were set to $\geq 1\%$ of the span.

7.5.1.2 Test Results

The maximum 20dB bandwidth of the hopping channel was measured to be 113.33 kHz (See figure 7.5.4-1 to 7.5.4-3 below). The adjacent channel separation was measured to be 196.0 kHz. Results are shown in figure 7.5.1-1 below:

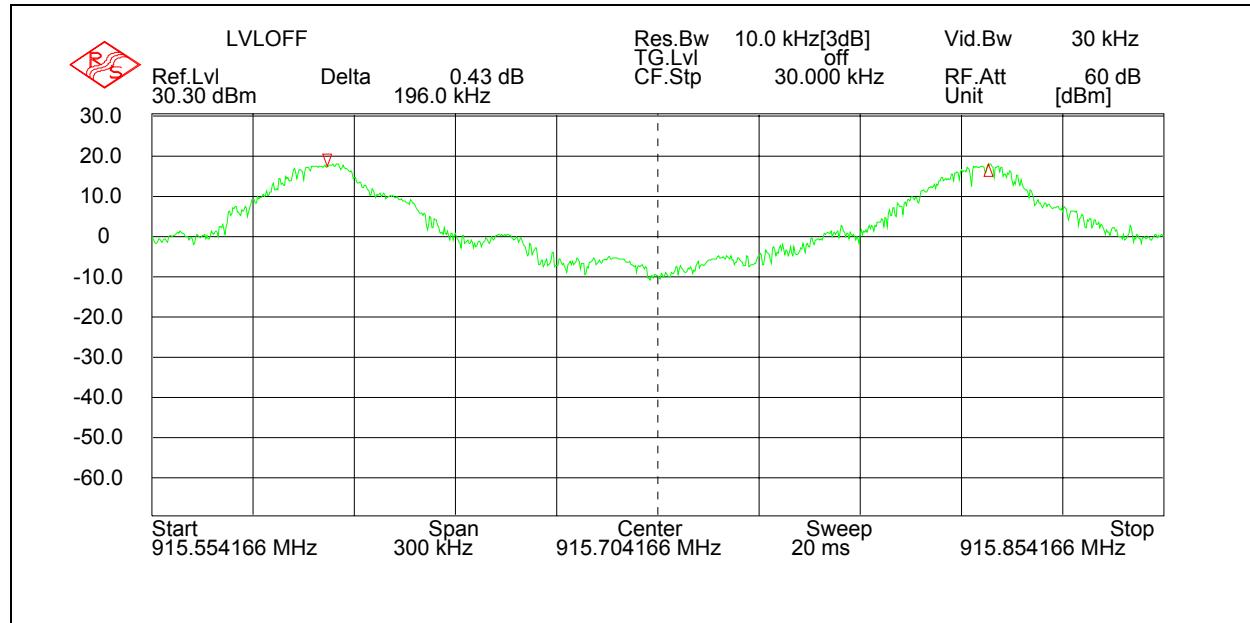


Figure 7.5.1-1: Carrier Frequency Separation

7.5.2 Number of Hopping Channels

The 20dB bandwidth of the device is less than 250 kHz. The device employs 50 hopping channels as required. Results are shown in table 7.5.2-1 below:

Table 7.5.2-1: Frequency Table

| Value | Channel Frequency | Channel No. | Offset | Channel Separation | Value | Channel Frequency | Channel No. | Offset | Channel Separation |
|-------|-------------------|-------------|--------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------|--------|--------------------|
| 1594 | 909586111 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1698 | 916400471 | 26 | 104 | 196568 |
| 1597 | 909782679 | 1 | 3 | 196568 | 1701 | 916597040 | 27 | 107 | 196568 |
| 1600 | 909979247 | 2 | 6 | 196568 | 1704 | 916793608 | 28 | 110 | 196568 |
| 1603 | 910175815 | 3 | 9 | 196568 | 1707 | 916990176 | 29 | 113 | 196568 |
| 1619 | 911224178 | 4 | 25 | 1048363 | 1710 | 917186744 | 30 | 116 | 196568 |
| 1622 | 911420746 | 5 | 28 | 196568 | 1713 | 917383312 | 31 | 119 | 196568 |
| 1625 | 911617314 | 6 | 31 | 196568 | 1716 | 917579880 | 32 | 122 | 196568 |
| 1628 | 911813882 | 7 | 34 | 196568 | 1719 | 917776448 | 33 | 125 | 196568 |
| 1631 | 912010451 | 8 | 37 | 196568 | 1735 | 918824811 | 34 | 141 | 1048363 |
| 1634 | 912207019 | 9 | 40 | 196568 | 1738 | 919021379 | 35 | 144 | 196568 |
| 1637 | 912403587 | 10 | 43 | 196568 | 1741 | 919217947 | 36 | 147 | 196568 |
| 1640 | 912600155 | 11 | 46 | 196568 | 1744 | 919414516 | 37 | 150 | 196568 |
| 1643 | 912796723 | 12 | 49 | 196568 | 1747 | 919611084 | 38 | 153 | 196568 |
| 1646 | 912993291 | 13 | 52 | 196568 | 1750 | 919807652 | 39 | 156 | 196568 |
| 1649 | 913189859 | 14 | 55 | 196568 | 1753 | 920004220 | 40 | 159 | 196568 |
| 1652 | 913386427 | 15 | 58 | 196568 | 1756 | 920200788 | 41 | 162 | 196568 |
| 1655 | 913582995 | 16 | 61 | 196568 | 1759 | 920397356 | 42 | 165 | 196568 |
| 1658 | 913779563 | 17 | 64 | 196568 | 1762 | 920593924 | 43 | 168 | 196568 |
| 1661 | 913976132 | 18 | 67 | 196568 | 1765 | 920790492 | 44 | 171 | 196568 |
| 1677 | 915024495 | 19 | 83 | 1048363 | 1768 | 920987060 | 45 | 174 | 196568 |
| 1680 | 915221063 | 20 | 86 | 196568 | 1771 | 921183628 | 46 | 177 | 196568 |
| 1683 | 915417631 | 21 | 89 | 196568 | 1774 | 921380197 | 47 | 180 | 196568 |
| 1686 | 915614199 | 22 | 92 | 196568 | 1777 | 921576765 | 48 | 183 | 196568 |
| 1689 | 915810767 | 23 | 95 | 196568 | 1780 | 921773333 | 49 | 186 | 196568 |
| 1692 | 916007335 | 24 | 98 | 196568 | | | | | |
| 1695 | 916203903 | 25 | 101 | 196568 | | | | | |

Base Frequency Number is 1594 For Channel Algorithm.

7.5.3 Channel Dwell Time

7.5.3.1 Test Methodology

The emission measured centered on the analyzer and the span set to 0 Hz. The RBW was set to 1 MHz and the VBW to 3 MHz. Sweep time was set to 20 ms to capture the burst duration of the emission. The marker –delta function of the analyzer was employed to measure the burst duration.

7.5.3.2 Test Results

The C1A-3 meter will operate with a transmission timing of 1 RF transmission every 2 seconds randomized. The transmission time is < 7 milliseconds and there are 50 transmitter frequencies used. Based on the average timing of 2 seconds per transmission per channel the dwell time would be < 7 ms per channel within a 20 second period. A single transmission is shown in figure 7.5.3-1 below:

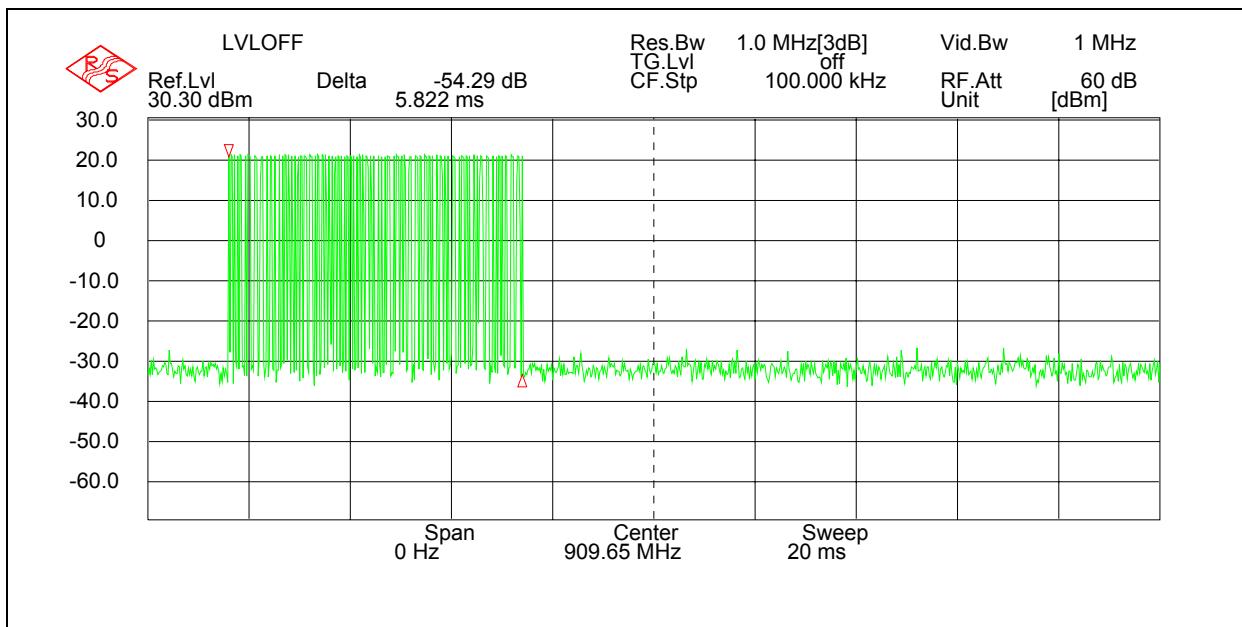


Figure 7.5.3-1: Channel Dwell Time

7.5.4 20dB Bandwidth

7.5.4.1 Test Methodology

The spectrum analyzer span was set to 2 to 3 times the estimated 20 dB bandwidth of the emission. The RBW was to $\geq 1\%$ of the estimated 20 dB bandwidth. The trace was set to max hold with a peak detector active. The N-dB Down function of the analyzer was utilized to determine the 20 dB bandwidth of the emission. The span and RBW were examined and re-adjusted if necessary to meet the requirements of 2 to 3 time the 20 bandwidth for the span and $\geq 1\%$ of the 20 dB bandwidth for the RBW.

7.5.4.2 Test Results

The maximum 20dB bandwidth was found to be approximately 113.33 kHz. Results are shown below in Figure 7.5.4-1 through 7.5.4-3.

| Channel | Frequency (MHz) | 20dB Bandwidth (kHz) |
|---------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Low | 909.5861 | 98.61 |
| Mid | 915.6142 | 92.50 |
| High | 921.7733 | 113.33 |

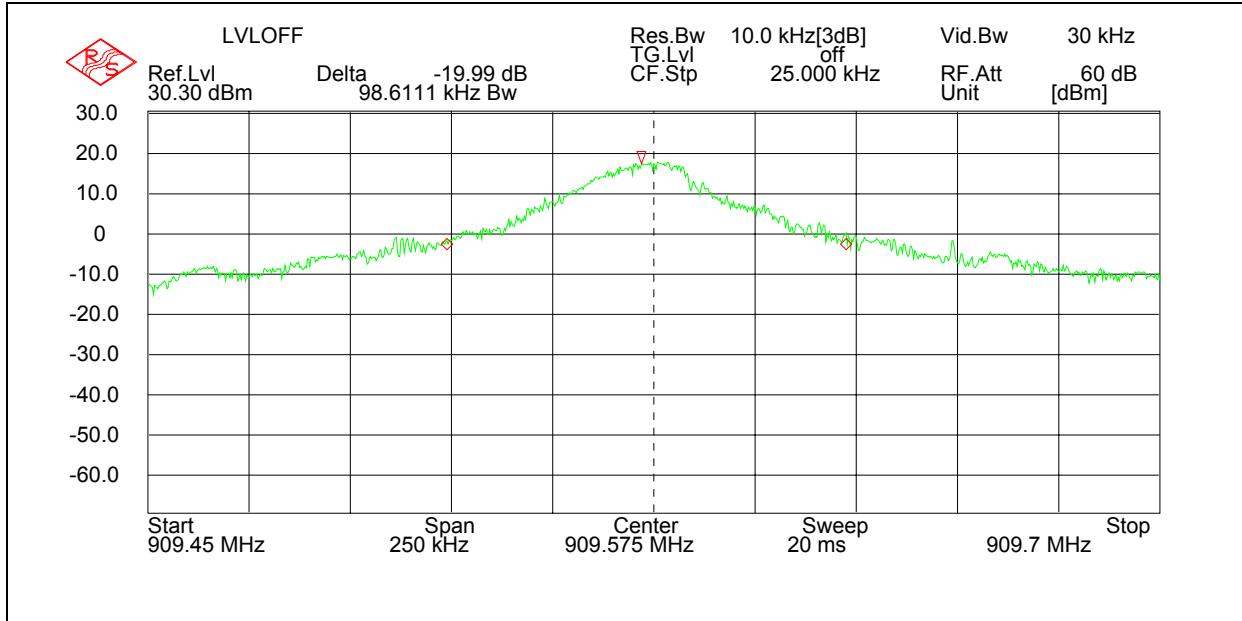


Figure 7.5.4-1: 20dB Bandwidth Low Channel

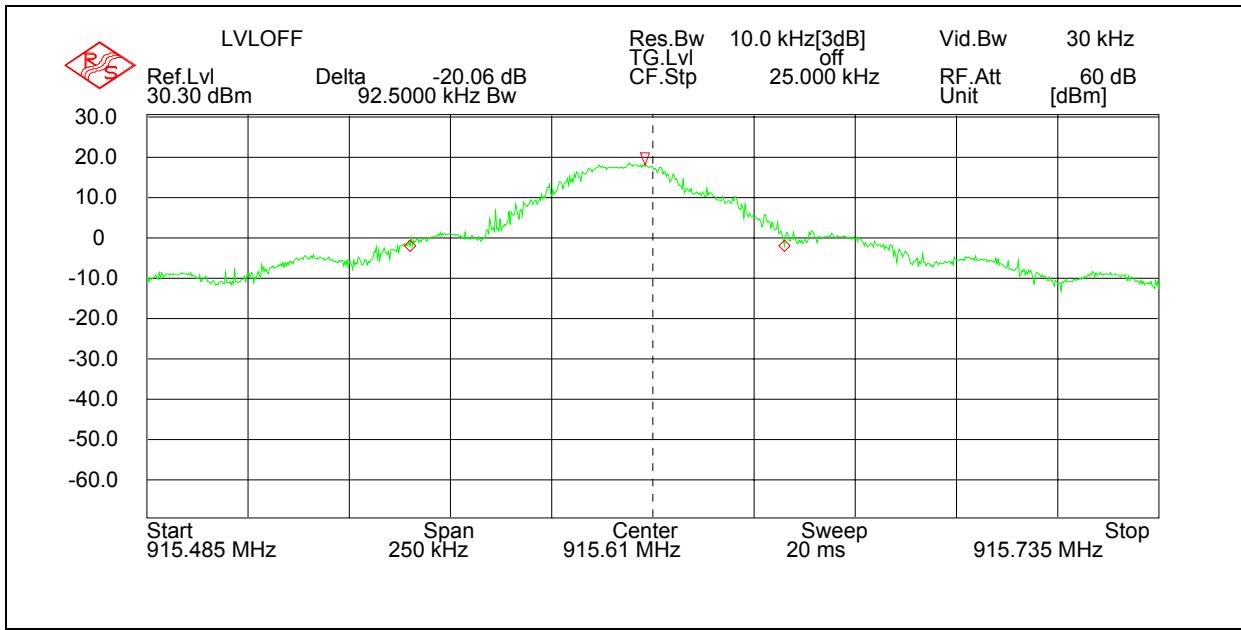


Figure 7.5.4-2: 20dB Bandwidth Mid Channel

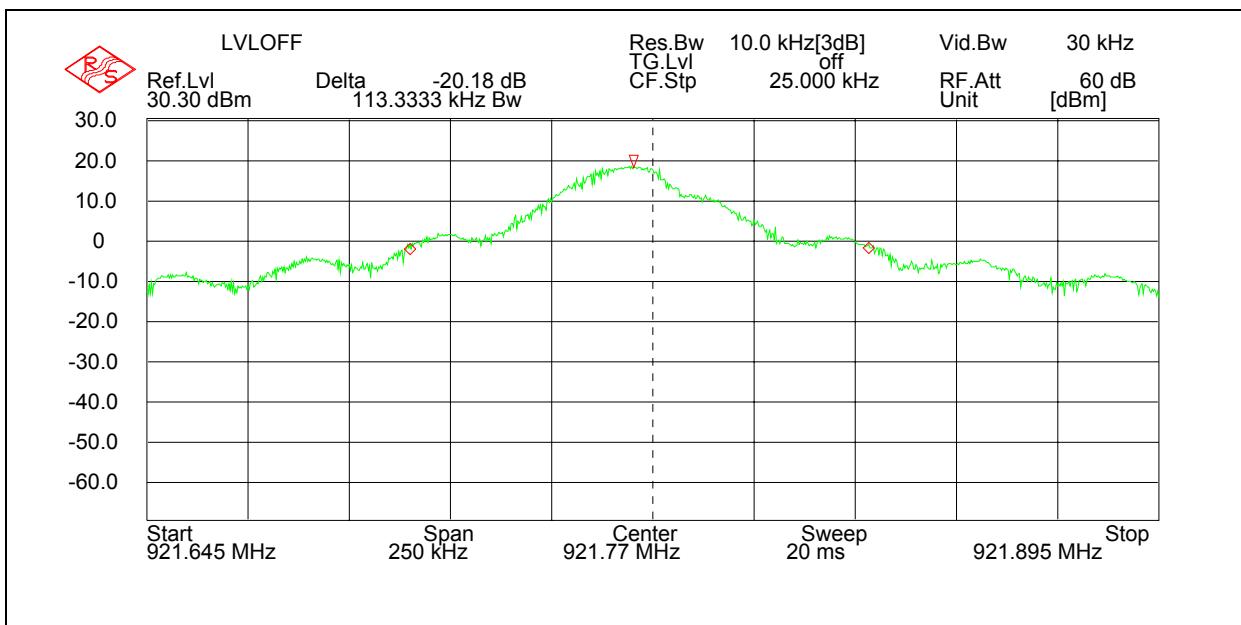


Figure 7.5.4-3: 20dB Bandwidth High Channel

7.6 Band-Edge Compliance and Spurious Emissions - FCC Section 15.247(c)

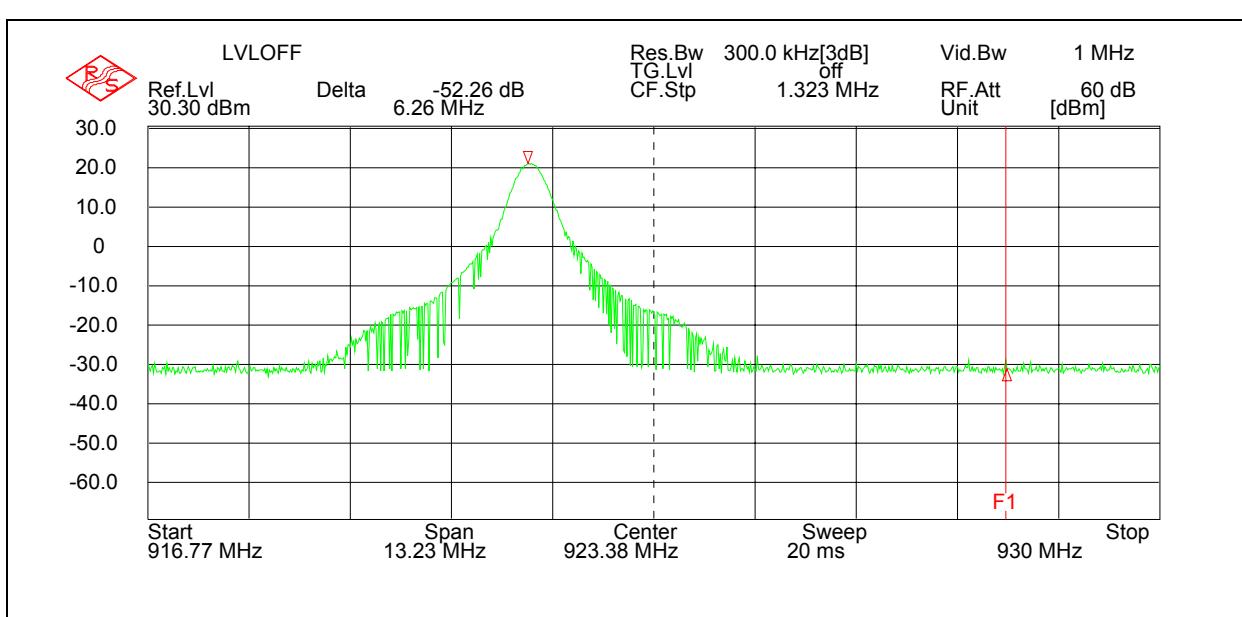
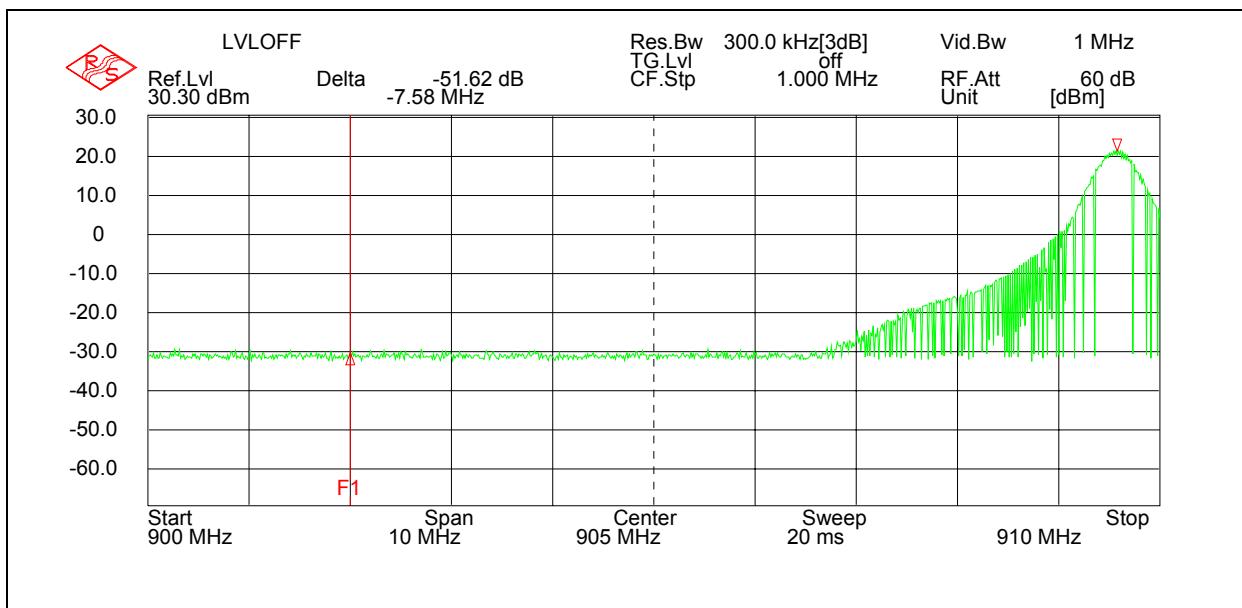
7.6.1 Band-Edge Compliance of RF Conducted Emissions

7.6.1.1 Test Methodology

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 300 kHz, which is $\geq 1\%$ of the span, and the VBW was set to 1 MHz.

7.6.1.2 Test Results

In a 100 kHz bandwidth at the lower and upper band-edge, the radio frequency power that was produced by the EUT is at least 20 dB below that in the 100 kHz bandwidth within the band that contains the highest level of desired power. Band-edge compliance is displayed in Figures 7.6.1-1 and 7.6.2-2



7.6.2 RF Conducted Spurious Emissions

7.6.2.1 Test Methodology

The EUT was investigated for conducted spurious emissions from 30MHz to 10GHz, 10 times the highest fundamental frequency.

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 VBW was set to 100kHz and the RBW was set to 1MHz. A peak detector function was used with the trace set to max hold.

7.6.2.1 Test Results

All emission found were greater than 20dB down from the fundamental carrier. The RF conducted spurious emissions were measured in the band of 30MHz to 10GHz. Results are shown below in Figure 7.6.2-1 through 7.6.2-6.

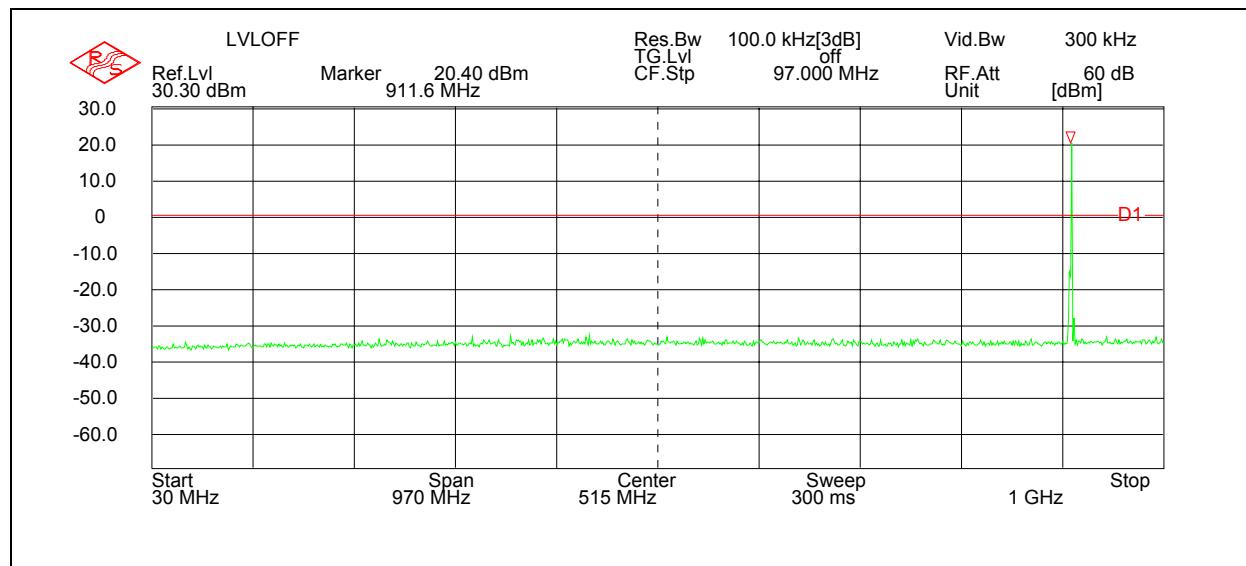


Figure 7.6.2-1 RF Conducted Spurious Emissions – Low Channel

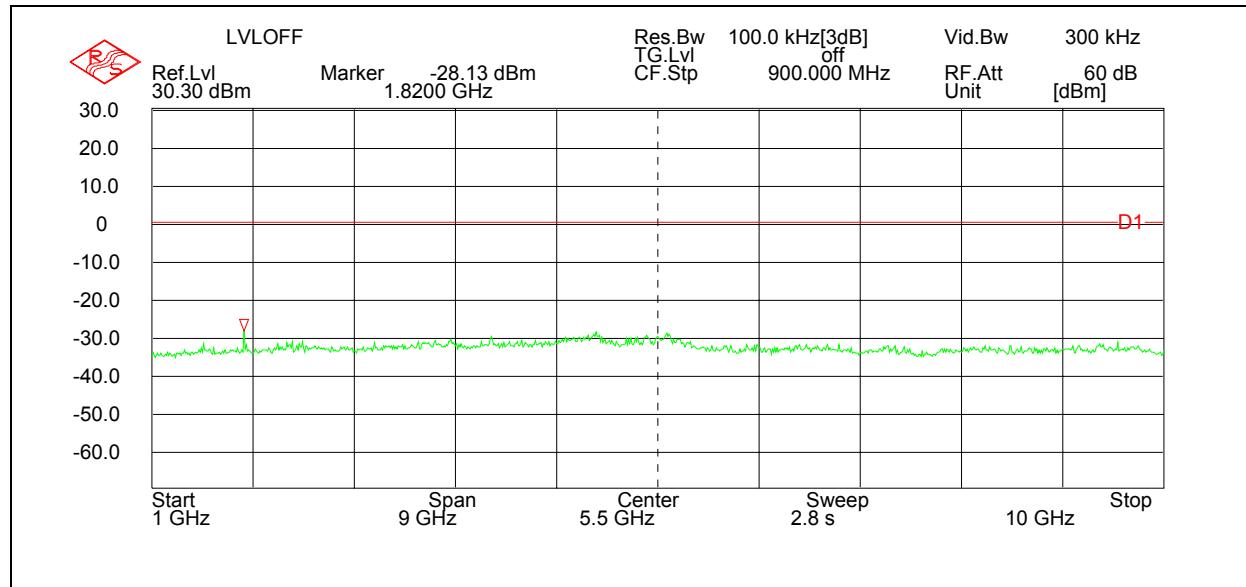


Figure 7.6.2-2 RF Conducted Spurious Emissions – Low Channel

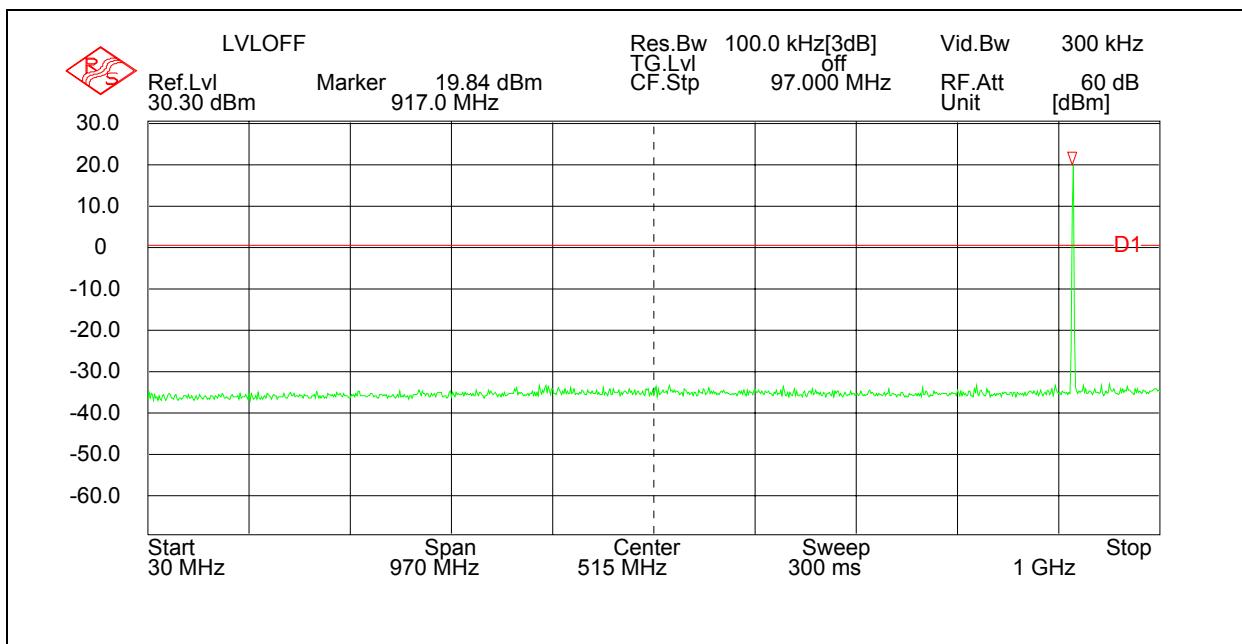


Figure 7.6.2-3 RF Conducted Spurious Emissions – Mid Channel

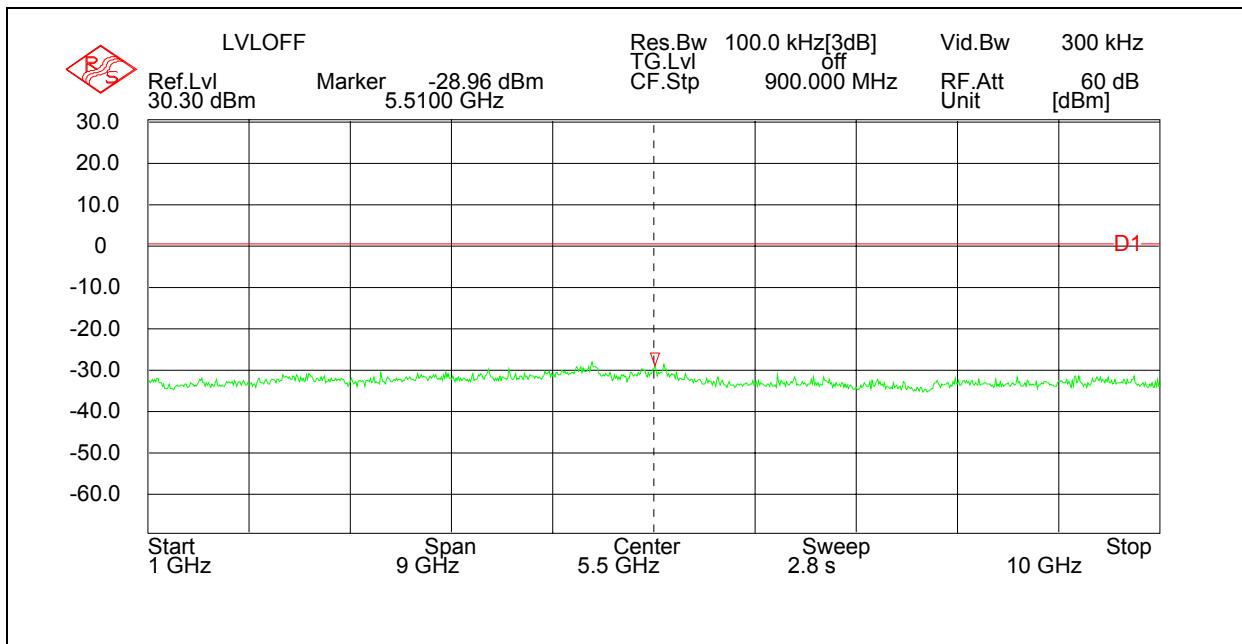
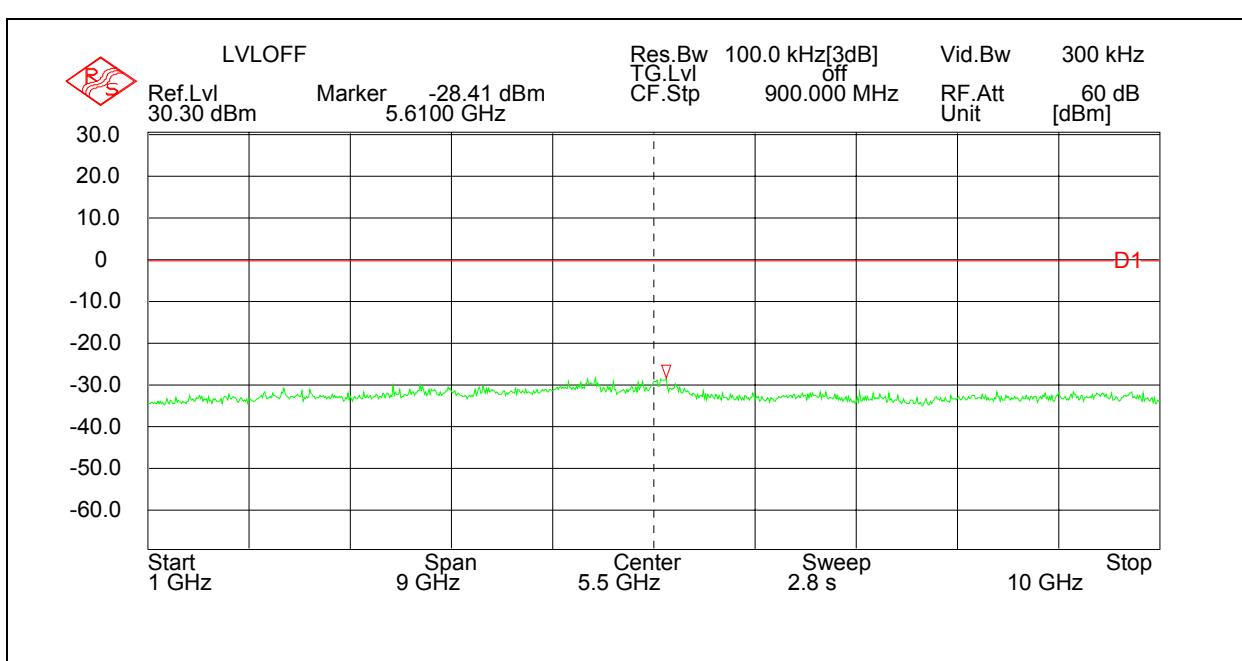
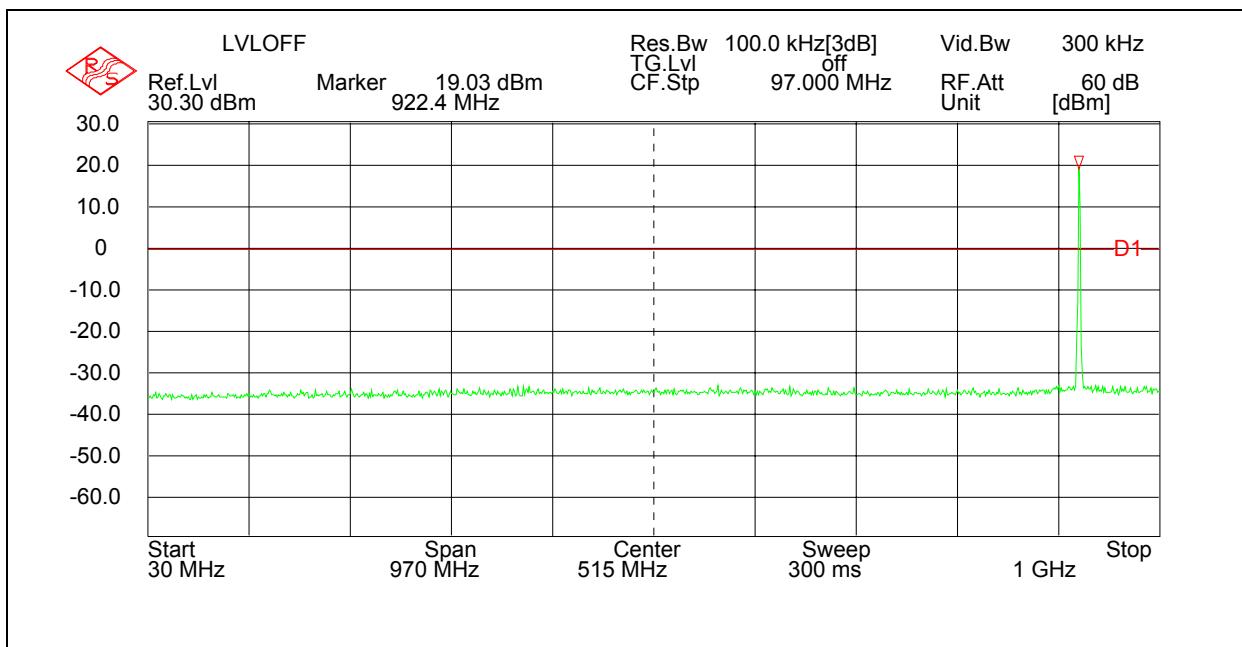


Figure 7.6.2-4 RF Conducted Spurious Emissions – Mid Channel



7.6.3 Radiated Spurious Emissions (Restricted Bands) - FCC Section 15.205

7.6.3.1 Test Methodology

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, average measurements were made using an RBW of 1 MHz and a VBW of 10 Hz and peak measurements were made with RBW of 1 MHz and a VBW of 1 MHz.

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

7.6.3.2 Test Results

Radiated spurious emissions found in the band of 30MHz to 10GHz are reported in Table 7.6.3-1. Each emission found to be in a restricted band as defined by section 15.205, was compared to the radiated emission limits as defined in section 15.209.

Table 7.6.3-1: Radiated Spurious Emissions

| Frequency (MHz/GHz) | Level (dBuV/m) | Detector (P/A) | Antenna Polarity (H/V) | Turntable Position (o) | Correction Factors (dB) | Corrected Level (dBuV/m) | Limit (dBuV/m) | Margin (dB) |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Low Channel | | | | | | | | |
| 2.729 | 45.77 | p | h | 100 | 2.34 | 48.11 | 74 | 25.89 |
| 2.729 | 28.93 | a | h | 100 | 2.34 | 31.27 | 54 | 22.73 |
| 3.638 | 49.5 | p | h | 100 | 6.59 | 56.09 | 74 | 17.91 |
| 3.638 | 29.51 | a | h | 100 | 6.59 | 36.10 | 54 | 17.90 |
| Mid Channel | | | | | | | | |
| 3.664 | 48.43 | p | h | 100 | 6.71 | 55.14 | 74 | 18.86 |
| 3.664 | 29.56 | a | h | 100 | 6.71 | 36.27 | 54 | 17.73 |
| High Channel | | | | | | | | |
| 2.765 | 44.65 | p | h | 100 | 2.53 | 47.18 | 74 | 26.82 |
| 2.765 | 29.41 | a | h | 100 | 2.53 | 31.94 | 54 | 22.06 |
| 3.686 | 49.65 | p | h | 100 | 6.81 | 56.46 | 74 | 17.54 |
| 3.686 | 29.31 | a | h | 100 | 6.81 | 36.12 | 54 | 17.88 |

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

7.6.3.3 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

Corrected Level: $45.77 + 2.43 = 48.11$ dBuV

Margin: 74 dBuV – 48.11 dBuV = 25.89 dB

8.0 CONCLUSION

In the opinion of ACS, Inc. the C1A-3, manufactured by Itron Electricity Metering, Inc., meets the requirements of FCC Part 15 subpart C.