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Part 2, Subpart J, Paragraph 2.907 Equipment Authorization of Certification for an Intentional Radiator per Part 15, Subpart C, paragraphs 15.207, 15.209 and 15.247

And

RSS-247 Issue 2: Digital Transmission Systems (DTSs), Frequency Hopping Systems (FHSs) and License-Exempt Local Area Network (LE-LAN) Devices

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MEASUREMENT TECHNICAL REPORT

Company Name:	Neptune Technology Group, Inc.
Address:	1600 Alabama Hwy 229 Tallassee, AL 36078, USA
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This report concerns (check one): ☐ Original ☒ Class II Permissive Change

Equipment type: 900 MHz ISM Radio Transceiver

Technical Information:

Radio Technology:	FHSS
Frequency of Operation (MHz):	911.08 – 919.07
Output Power (dBm):	18.77
Type of Modulation:	OOK
Data/Bit Rate (M)bps:	1200 Baud
Antenna Gain (dBi):	Refer to Tables 5
Software used to program EUT:	PMIT v2.3.220808.603799X
EUT firmware:	2.3
Power setting:	240

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1 General Information

1.1 Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is to file for a Class II Permissive change for the following reasons:

Neptune has designed a proprietary antenna that will be used as an alternate the previous 900 MHz band antenna. This antenna is more efficient and effective for the application. No other changes were made to the device.

Due to the changes above, the equipment was re-evaluated for continued compliance with Part 15.247, 15.209 and RSS-247 requirements. Based on the changes above the following test were performed:

- Intentional Radiated emissions Part 15.247(d)
- Spurious Radiated emissions Part 15.209
- Output Power measurements (verification purpose)

All other test were deemed to be not affected by the changes. The test data has been collected and is presented herein for consideration.

1.2 Characterization of Test Sample

The samples used for testing were received by US Tech on September 28, 2021 in good operating condition.

1.3 Product Description

The Equipment under Test (EUT) is the Neptune Technology Group, Model R900. The EUT is a network endpoint that collects meter reading data from an encoder register. It then transmits the data for collection using LTE-M cellular technology. The collection data is stored and downloaded into the utility billing system for processing. The R900 cellular endpoint has three different options for covers so that it can be installed on a wall or in a pit application. It operates on the AT&T and FirstNet LTE-M networks and contains an FCC and ISED Certified LTE Module bearing FCC ID: RI7ME310G1WW and IC: 5131A-ME310G1WW.

1.4 Configuration of Tested System

The Test Sample was tested per *ANSI C63.10:2013, American National Standard of Procedures for Compliance Testing of Unlicensed Wireless Devices* for the intentional radiator aspect of the device and *ANSI C63.4:2014, Methods of Measurement of Low-Voltage Electrical and Electronic Equipment in the Range of 9 kHz to 40 GHz (2014)* for the unintentional radiator aspect of the device as well as FCC subpart B and C of Part 15 and per FCC KDB Publication number 558074 v05r02 for Digital Transmission Systems Operating Under section 15.247.

Per FCC Parts 15.107 and 15.109, digital RF conducted and radiated emissions below 1 GHz were measured with the spectrum analyzer's resolution bandwidth (RBW) adjusted to 9 kHz and 120 kHz, respectively. All measurements performed above 1 GHz were made with a RBW of 1 MHz. All measurements are peak unless stated otherwise. The video filter associated with the spectrum analyzer was set to 3 times the RBW or as required per the standard throughout the evaluation process.

A list of EUT and Peripherals is found in Table 1 below. A block diagram of the tested system is shown in Figure 1. Test configuration photographs for spurious and fundamental emissions are provided in separate Appendices.

1.5 Test Facility

Testing was performed at US Tech's measurement facility at 3505 Francis Circle, Alpharetta, GA 30004. This site has been fully described and registered with the FCC. Its designation number is 186022. Additionally, this site has also been fully described and submitted to Industry Canada (IC), and has been approved under file number 9900A-1.

1.6 Related Submittal(s)/Grant(s)

The EUT is subject to the following FCC Equipment Authorizations:

a) Certification under section 15.209 as an intentional transmitter.

b) SDoC under 15.101 as a digital device.

Table 1. EUT and Peripherals

EUT MANUFACTURER	MODEL NUMBER	SERIAL NUMBER	FCC/IC ID	CABLES P/D
EUT Neptune Technology Group.	R900 Cellular Endpoint	10AA401900 60042	FCC ID: P2SR900CE IC: 4171B-R900CE	N/A
PERIPHERAL MANUFACTURER	**MODEL NUMBER**	**SERIAL NUMBER**	**FCC/IC ID**	**CABLES P/D**
2 AA Rechargeable Lithium Batteries Tenavolts	N/A	Engineering Sample	N/A	N/A
Test Fixture Neptune Technology Group	N/A	Engineering Sample	N/A	N/A
DC Pass Matching Transformer Mini-Circuits	Z7550-FFSF+	APUU1W102 044	N/A	S/D
Interface Box (FCSA) Neptune Technology Group	N/A	Unit 2	N/A	S/D
Antenna See antenna details	--	--	--	--

S= Shielded, U= Unshielded, P= Power, D= Data

Table 2. Details of I/O Cables Attached to EUT

DESCRIPTION OF CABLE	DETAILS OF CABLE			CABLE LENGTH
Antenna cord	**Manufacturer**		**Part Number**	2 ft
	Neptune Technology Group		Various	
	Shield Type	**Shield Termination**	**Back-shell**	
	CND	CND	CND	
*USB to Serial	**Manufacturer**		**Part Number**	3 ft
	FTDI		Various	
	Shield Type	**Shield Termination**	**Back-shell**	
	F	P	PU	

(*) Used for programming purpose only

Shield Type
N/A = None
F = Foil
B = Braided
2B = Double Braided
CND = Could Not Determine

Shield Termination
N/A = None
360 = 360 Degrees
P = Pigtail/Drain Wire
CND = Could Not Determine
MU = Metal Unshielded

Back-shell
N/A = Not Applicable
PS = Plastic Shielded
PU = Plastic Unshielded
MS = Metal Shielded

2 Tests and Measurements

2.1 Test Equipment

The table below lists test equipment used to evaluate this product.

Table 3. Test Instruments

TEST INSTRUMENT	MANUFACTURER	MODEL NUMBER	SERIAL NUMBER	CALIBRATION DUE DATE
Spectrum Analyzer	AGILENT	E4407B	US41442935	9/21/2024 2 yr.
RF Preamp 100 KHz To 1.3 GHz	HEWLETT-PACKARD	8447D	1937A02980	6/09/2023
Preamp 1.0 GHz To 26.0 GHz	HEWLETT-PACKARD	8449B	3008A00914	2/11/2023
Biconical Antenna	EMCO	3110B	9306-1708	8/17/2023 2 yr.
Log Periodic Antenna	EMCO	3146	9110-3236	12/13/2023 2 yr.
Horn Antenna	A. H. Systems	SAS-571	605	4/28/2024 2 yr.
High Pass Filter	MINI-CIRCUITS, INC.	VHF-1320 15542	3 0843	7/28/2023
20 Db ATTENUATOR	API/WEINSCHEL	4T-20	59078	Calibrated Before Use

Note: The calibration interval of the above test instruments are 12 months unless stated otherwise and all calibrations are traceable to NIST/USA.

2.2 Modifications to EUT Hardware

No modifications were made by US Tech to bring the EUT into compliance with FCC Part 15.247 and RSS-247 requirements.

2.3 Number of Measurements for Intentional Radiators (CFR 15.31(m))

Measurements of intentional radiators or receivers shall be performed and reported for each band in which the device can be operated, with the device operating at the number of frequencies in each band specified in Table 3 as follows:

Table 4. Number of Test Frequencies for Intentional Radiators

Frequency Range over which the device operates	Number of Frequencies	Location in the Range of operation
1 MHz or less	1	Middle
1 to 10 MHz	2	1 near the top 1 near the bottom
Greater than 10 MHz	3	1 near top 1 near middle 1 near bottom

The EUT operates over the range of 911.08 MHz to 919.07 MHz (7.99 MHz); therefore, two test frequencies were evaluated.

2.4 Frequency Range of Radiated Measurements (CFR 15.33)

2.4.1 Intentional Radiator

The spectrum shall be investigated for the intentional radiator from the lowest RF signal generated in the EUT, without going below 9 kHz to the 10th harmonic of the highest fundamental frequency generated or 40 GHz, whichever is the lowest.

2.4.2 Unintentional Radiator

For the digital device, an unintentional radiator, the frequency range shall be 30 MHz to 1000 MHz, or to the range specified in 2.4.1 above; whichever is the higher range of investigation.

2.5 Measurement Detector Function and Bandwidth (CFR 15.35)

The radiated and conducted emissions limits shown herein are based on the parameters listed in the following paragraphs.

2.5.1 Detector Function and Associated Bandwidth

On frequencies below 1000 MHz, the limits herein are based upon measurement equipment employing a CISPR quasi-peak detector function and related measurement bandwidths (i.e. 9 kHz from 150 kHz to 30 MHz and 120 kHz from 30 MHz to 1000 MHz). Alternatively, measurements may be made with equipment employing a peak detector function as long as the same bandwidths specified for the quasi-peak device are used.

2.5.2 Corresponding Peak and Average Requirements

Above 1000 MHz, radiated limits are based on measuring instrumentation employing an average detector function. When average radiated emissions are specified there is also a corresponding peak requirement that is measured using a peak detector. The peak limit shall be 20 dB greater than the average limit. For all measurements above 1000 MHz, the Resolution Bandwidth shall be at least 1 MHz.

2.5.3 Pulsed Transmitter Averaging

When the radiated emissions limit is expressed as an average value, and the transmitter is pulsed, the measured field strength shall be determined by applying a Duty Cycle Correction Factor based upon dividing the total ON time during the first 100 ms period by 100 ms (or by the period if less than 100 ms). The duty cycle may also be expressed logarithmically in dB. In this case, the Duty Cycle Correction Factor was determined from the manufacturer's claim.

2.6 Transmitter Duty Cycle (Part 15.35(c))

The Duty Cycle calculations are confidential and can be provided upon request by contacting Neptune Technology Group.

2.7 Restricted Bands of Operation (Part 15.205)

Only spurious emissions can fall in the frequency bands of CFR 15.205. The field strength of these emissions cannot exceed the limits of 15.209. Radiated harmonics and other spurious emissions are examined for this requirement see paragraph 2.10.

2.8 EUT Antenna Requirements (CFR 15.203)

An intentional radiator shall be designed to ensure that no antenna other than that furnished by the responsible party shall be used with the device. The use of a permanently attached antenna or of an antenna that uses a unique coupling to the intentional radiator shall be considered sufficient to comply with the provisions of this section. The antenna details are as follows:

Table 5. Antenna 1 (External Antenna)

Manufacturer	Model	Type	Gain (dBi)	Connector
Taoglas for Neptune Technologies	G52.A.0616BN11	Pit Antenna	-0.8	proprietary BNC twist-lock RF connector (Knox connector)

2.9 Maximum Peak Conducted Output Power (CFR 15.247(b)(3))

The EUT was programmed to operate at a normal operating output power across the bandwidth. For this test the normal operating output power of the radio was programmed to "240" in the radio's test firmware. A proprietary RF cable provided by Neptune Technology Group was connected between the EUT's antenna output port and spectrum analyzer. For protection, a 20 dB attenuator was connected to the RF input of the spectrum analyzer. The attenuator factor and cable loss was accounted for in all antenna-port, conducted RF measurements. In this case the cable loss was no more than 0.5 dB.

Peak power within the band 911.08 MHz to 919.07 MHz was measured per ANSI C63.10-2013. The results are presented in Table 7.

Table 6. Peak Antenna Conducted Output Power per Part 15.247 (b)(3)

Frequency of Fundamental (MHz)	P_{Cond} (dBm)	P_{Cond} (mW)	FCC Limit (mW Maximum)
911.09	18.27	0.067	1000
919.07	18.23	0.067	1000

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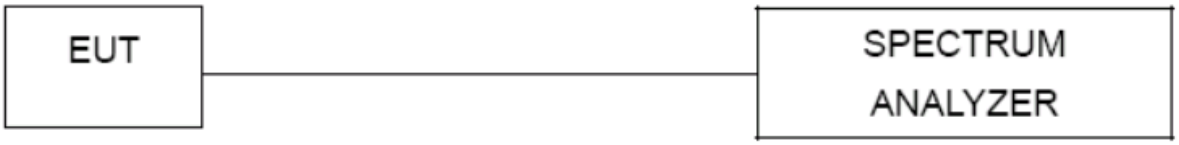

Figure 1. Conducted Radio Setup

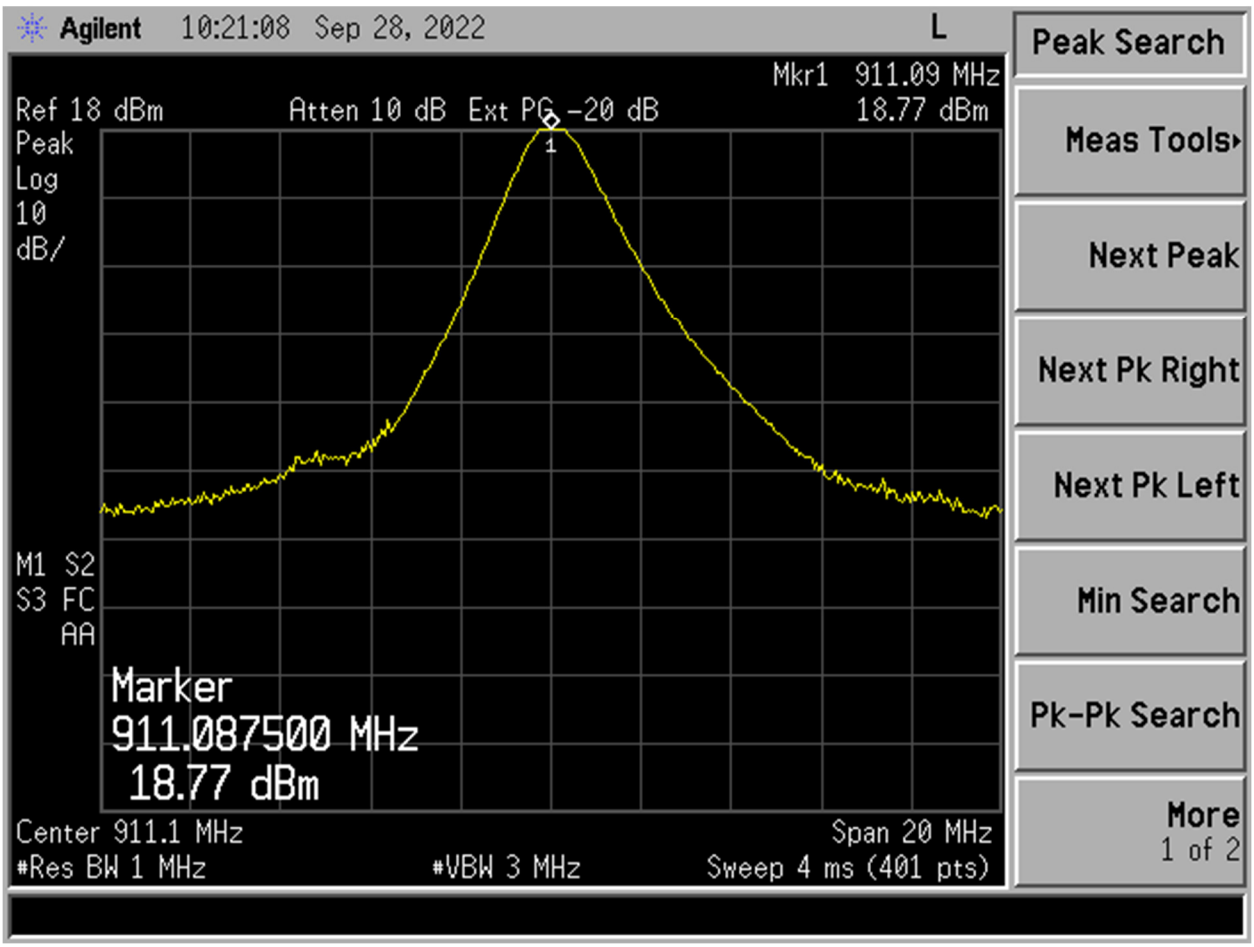

Figure 2. Peak Output Power – Low Channel

Note: Cable loss factor of 0.5 dB was subtracted from the measurement value above.

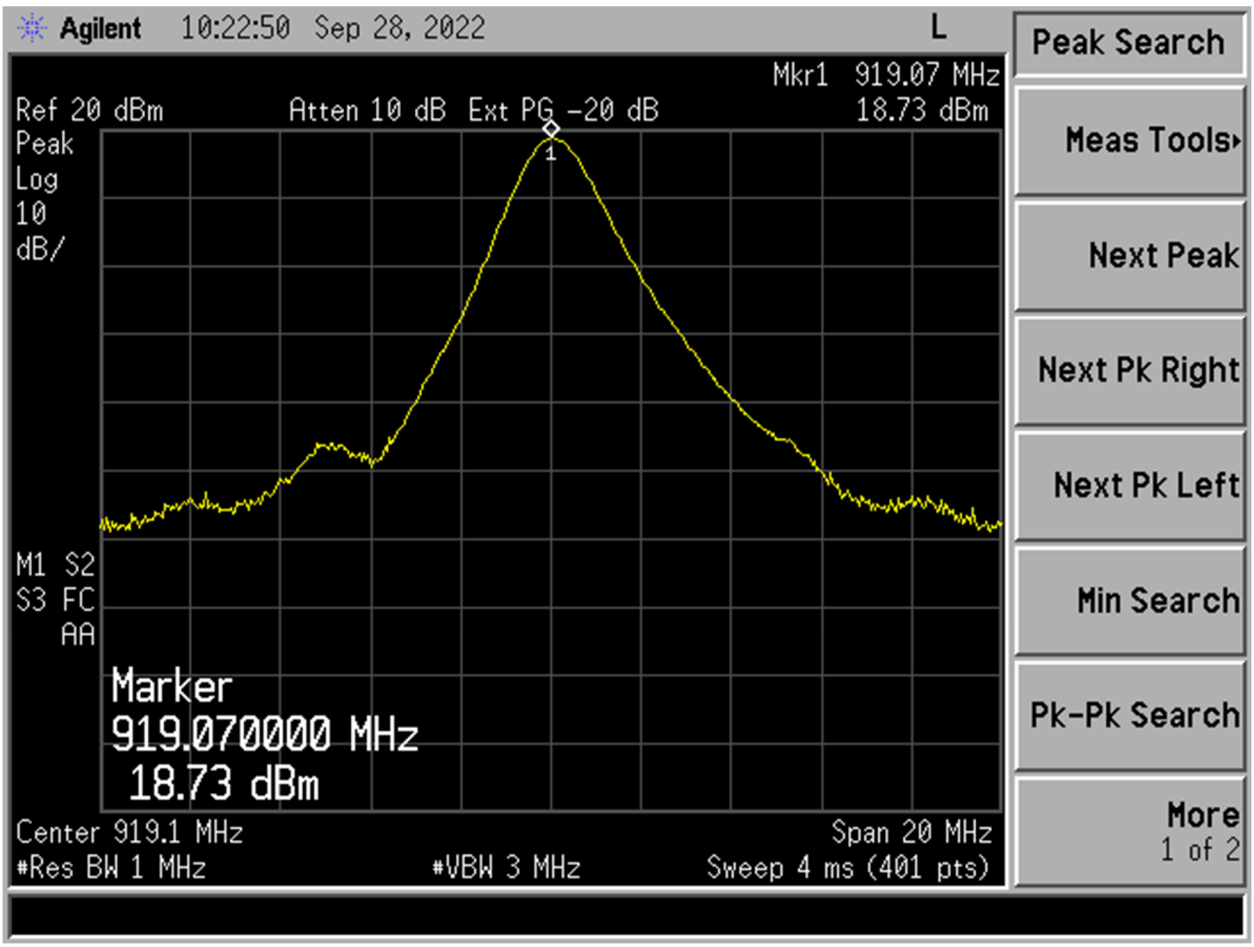

Figure 3. Peak Output Power - High Channel

Note: Cable loss factor of 0.5 dB was subtracted from the measurement value above.

2.10 Intentional Radiator, Radiated Emissions (CFR 15.209, 15.247(d))

For radiated measurements, the EUT was set into a continuous transmission mode. Below 1 GHz, the RBW of the measuring instrument was set equal to 120 kHz. Peak measurements above 1 GHz were measured using a RBW = 1 MHz, with a VBW ≥ 3 x RBW. For average measurements above 1 GHz, the emissions were measured using an average detector. The measurement of each signal detected was maximized by rotating the turntable 360° clockwise and counterclockwise and raising and lowering the receive antenna between 1 and 4 meters in height while monitoring the ever changing spectrum analyzer display with Trace A in the Max-Hold mode and Trace B in the Clear-Write mode for the largest signal visible. The emission from the EUT was measured and recorded when both maxima were simultaneously satisfied.

2.10.1 EUT Worst Case Test Configuration

On the test site, the EUT was placed on top of a polystyrene table 80 cm above the ground plane inside a semi-anechoic test chamber. The EUT was evaluated in each of its three axes (X/Y/Z) while transmitting on the channel that produced the highest output power for worst case condition. The position of the EUT determined to be worst case was with the EUT positioned along its X axis (top of EUT facing up). The worst case test results of the fundamental and harmonics are presented in the table below.

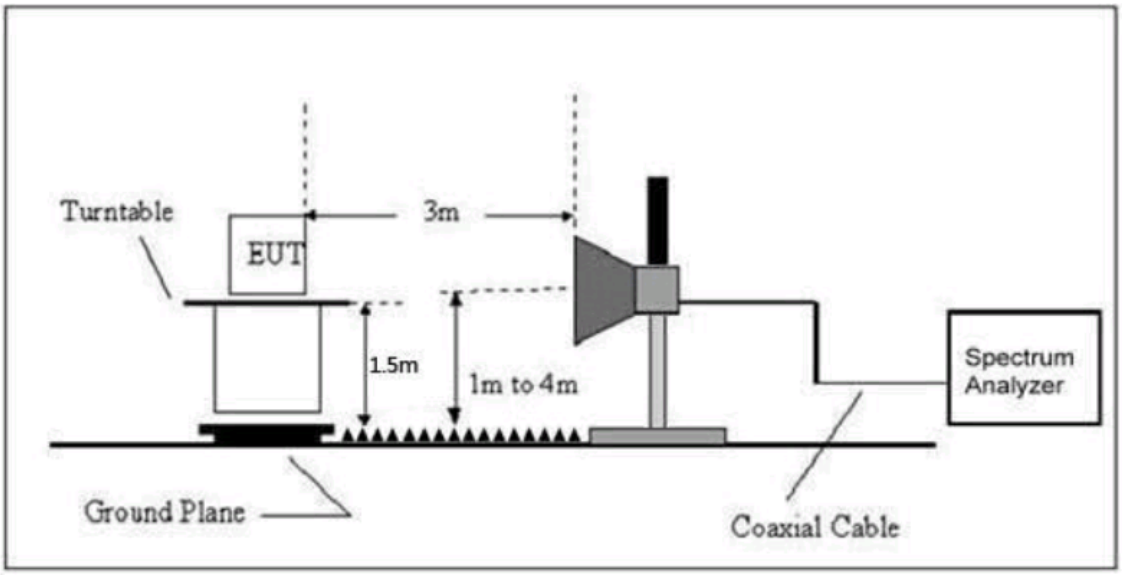

Figure 4. Radiated Emissions Setup above 1 GHz

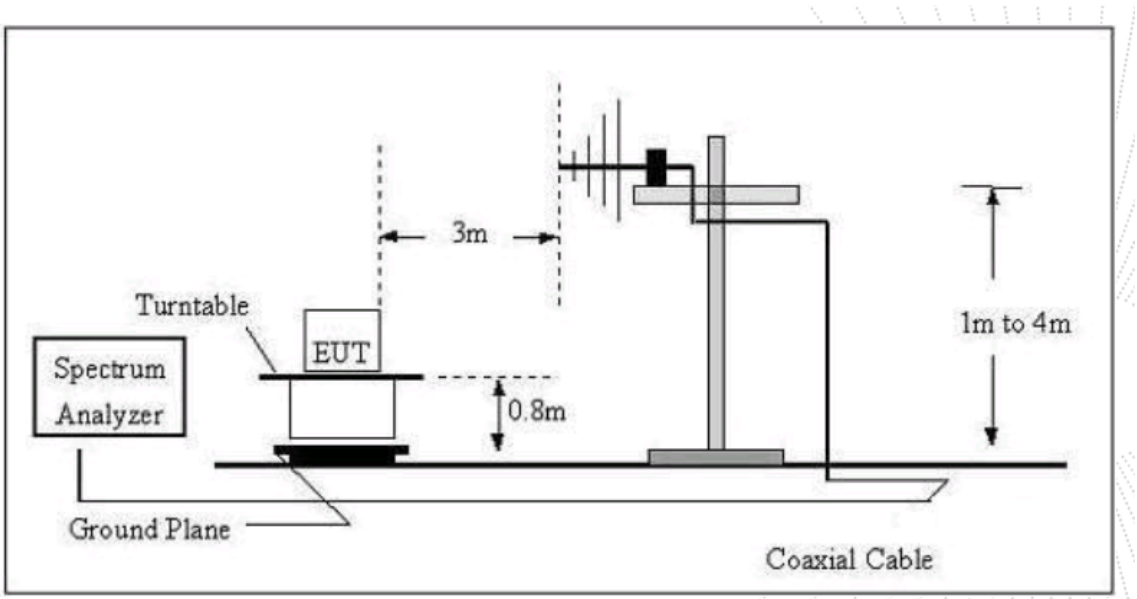

Figure 5. Radiated Emissions Setup below 1 GHz

Table 7. Peak Radiated Fundamental and Harmonic Emissions

Test: FCC Part 15.247 / 15.209								
Frequency (MHz)	**Test Data (dBuV)**	**Additional Factor**	**AF+CL-PA (dB/m)**	**Corrected Results (dBuV/m)**	**Limits (dBuV/m)**	**Distance / Polarization**	**Margin (dB)**	**Detector**
Low Channel								
911.08	88.56	--	24.22	112.78	--	3m./HORZ	--	**PK**
1822.00	61.02	--	-9.54	51.48	74.0	3.0m./HORZ	22.5	**PK**
2733.00	54.57	--	-5.11	49.46	74.0	3.0m./HORZ	24.5	**PK**
3655.00	57.44	--	-3.07	54.37	74.0	3.0m./HORZ	19.6	**PK**
Note 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	**--**
High Channel								
919.08	88.10	--	24.22	112.32	--	3m./HORZ	--	**PK**
1838.00	60.33	--	-9.44	50.89	74.0	3.0m./HORZ	23.1	**PK**
2757.00	54.75	--	-5.22	49.53	74.0	3.0m./HORZ	24.5	**PK**
3676.00	58.15	--	-2.82	55.33	74.0	3.0m./HORZ	18.7	**PK**
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Notes:
1. No other signals detected within 20 dB of specification limit. Harmonics investigated up to the 10th harmonic

Sample calculation at 911.08 MHz:

Magnitude of Measured Frequency	88.56	dBuV
+Additional Factor	0.00	dB
+Antenna Factor + Cable Loss - Amplifier Gain	24.22	dB/m
Corrected Result	112.78	dBuV/m

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Table 8. Average Radiated Fundamental and Harmonic Emissions

Test: FCC Part 15.247 / 15.209								
Frequency (MHz)	**Test Data (dBuV)**	**Additional Factor**	**AF+CL-PA (dB/m)**	**Corrected Results (dBuV/m)**	**Limits (dBuV/m)**	**Distance / Polarity**	**Margin (dB)**	**Detector**
Low Channel								
911.08	87.59	--	24.22	111.81	--	3m./HORZ	--	**QP**
1822.00	45.03	--	-9.54	35.49	54.0	3.0m./HORZ	18.5	**AVG**
2733.00	38.95	--	-5.11	33.84	54.0	3.0m./HORZ	20.2	**AVG**
3655.00	41.33	--	-3.07	38.26	54.0	3.0m./HORZ	15.7	**AVG**
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High Channel								
919.08	86.94	--	24.22	111.16	--	3m./HORZ	--	**QP**
1838.00	44.12	--	-9.44	34.68	54.0	3.0m./HORZ	19.3	**AVG**
2757.00	38.32	--	-5.22	33.10	54.0	3.0m./HORZ	20.9	**AVG**
3676.00	42.00	--	-2.82	39.18	54.0	3.0m./HORZ	14.8	**AVG**
Note 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	**--**

Notes:

1. No other signals detected within 20 dB of specification limit. Harmonics investigated up to the 10th harmonic.

Sample calculation at 911.08 MHz:

Magnitude of Measured Frequency	87.59	dBuV
+Additional Factor (Duty cycle correction)	0.00	dB
+Antenna Factor + Cable Loss - Amplifier Gain	24.22	dB/m
Corrected Result	111.81	dBuV/m

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2.11 Intentional Radiator Power Line Conducted Emissions (CFR 15.207)

The EUT is battery powered; therefore, this test is not applicable.

2.12 Unwanted Emissions of the Intentional Radiator, (CFR 15.209 and 15.33(a))

The test data provided herein is to support the verification requirement for unwanted radiated emissions coming from the EUT in a transmitting state per 15.209 and was investigated from 30 MHz to 6 GHz. The EUT was put into a continuous transmit mode of operation and tested as detailed in ANSI C63.10:2013, Clause 6.4.6. Data is presented in the table below.

The measurement bandwidths for each frequency scan that was evaluated were set as follows:

Frequency Span	RBW / VBW
30 MHz – 1 GHz	120 kHz / 300 kHz
Above 1 GHz	1 MHz / 3 MHz

Note: Based on the changes made to the EUT, the device was only re-evaluated from 30 MHz to 1000 MHz. The emissions measurements seen were deemed to be equal to or less than what was previously recorded; therefore, no additional spurious emissions measurements were made beyond the measurements below.

Table 9. Spurious Radiated Emissions (30 MHz – 1 GHz)

Test: Radiated Emissions per CFR 15.209							
Frequency (MHz)	**Test Data (dBuV)**	**AF+CL-PA (dB)**	**Results (dBuV/m)**	**Limits (dBuV/m)**	**Distance / Polarity**	**Margin (dB)**	**Detector PK / QP**
No emissions other than the fundamental frequency were detected.							

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Table 10. Spurious Radiated Emissions (1 GHz – 10 GHz)

1 GHz to 10 GHz with Class B Limits							
Test: Radiated Emissions per CFR 15.209							
Frequency (MHz)	**Test Data (dBuV)**	**AF+CL-PA (dB)**	**Results (dBuV/m)**	**Limits (dBuV/m)**	**Distance / Polarization**	**Margin (dB)**	**Detector PK / AVG**
No emissions other than harmonics of the fundamental frequency were detected.							

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2.13 Measurement Uncertainty

The measurement uncertainties given were calculated using the method detailed in CISPR 16-4-2:2011. A coverage factor of k=2 was used to give a level of confidence of approximately 95%.

2.13.1 Conducted Emissions Measurement Uncertainty

Measurement Uncertainty (within a 95% confidence level) for this test is ±2.78 dB.

2.13.2 Radiated Emissions Measurement Uncertainty

For a measurement distance of 3 m the measurement uncertainty (with a 95% confidence level) for this test using a Biconical Antenna (30 MHz to 200 MHz) is ±5.3 dB. This value includes all elements of measurement.

The measurement uncertainty (with a 95% confidence level) for this test using a Log Periodic Antenna (200 MHz to 1000 MHz) is ±5.1 dB.

The measurement uncertainty (with a 95% confidence level) for this test using a Horn Antenna (Above 1000 MHz) is ±5.1 dB.

3 Test Results

The EUT is deemed to have met the requirements of the standards cited within the test report when tested as detailed in the test report.

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