FCC bi-annual experimental license Report

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This is a progress report for the experimental license granted to CardioMEMs under confirmation number EL731911 and file number 0024-EX-PL-2007. This license is based on a previous license held by CardioMEMS under file number 0031-EX-PL-2003, which was authorized on February 25, 2003.

Because CardioMEMs is still in FDA mandated clinical trials, the information given in this progress report is very similar to the one submitted in July 2008.

CardioMEMs technology is a significant advance in the state of the art in post operative non-invasive medical techniques for measuring various pressures within the human body. There are currently limited technologies for measuring pressure within the body and these technologies are usually not conducive with patient care management. CardioMEMs, we believe, is the first successful demonstration of using inductive techniques to measure pressure within the human body in a fashion not requiring an active implantable medical device. This technology allows the measurement of blood pressure and potentially other biological parameters that currently cannot be made with the same amount of ease and convenience to the patient and physician using current commercially available technology.

The system consists of two functionally independent systems; (a) an inductive system whose purpose is to power, via magnetic field coupling, a separate transmitting device(sensor) that has been implanted in an individual and (b) a communications system that provides a link from the sensor transmitter to a receiver located outside the human body.

For purposes of the current clinical trials, the inductive system used to power the sensor typically operates over a frequency range from 30-37.5 MHz. However, during the clinical trials, there could be situations which would require the use of a sensor outside this range.

CardioMEMs had already begun clinical trials for heart failure in 2007, using the implanted sensors. The clinical trials are mandated and under the supervision of the FDA. A FDA approved feasibility trial was conducted, in 2007, with 13 patients, to show that the technology is viable. At the time of the last report to the FCC in July of 2008, the wireless implant procedure had been performed, in clinical trials, on 200 patients. As of January, 2009, the wireless implant procedure has been performed on approximately 368 heart failure patients in various locations in the United States and there are still no instances in which a sensor transmitting in the 37.5-42 MHz range needed to be used.

Clinical trials are still in process. Even though the experimental license grants temporary permission to use the 37.5-42 MHz frequency range, all systems and sensors, to date, operate within the 30-37.5 MHz frequency range. CardioMems intends to maintain the experimental license only during the clinical trial phase of FDA feasibility procedures. Given that the clinical trials have been in process for two years, CardioMEMs would like to mention that there has been no reported interface to other radio services to date with any of the implants.