## Synergize<sup>™</sup> RF Network GE I-210

### Integration Manual Y20454-INT Rev. A

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## DRAFT 8-27-2015 FCC Compliance

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference consult Aclara Support for help.

### **Safety Information**

The following safety precautions must be observed during all phases of operation, service, and repair of this device. Failure to comply with these precautions or with specific warnings elsewhere in this manual violates safety standards of design, manufacture, and the intended use of the metering instrument. Aclara assumes no liability for the customer's failure to comply with these requirements.

**WARNING** Any work on, or near, energized meters, meter sockets, or other metering equipment can present a danger of electrical shock. All work on this product should be performed only by qualified electricians and metering specialists in accordance with local utility safety practices, utility requirements and procedures outlined in Chapter 14 of The Handbook for Electricity Metering (10th edition).

The information contained within this manual is intended to be an aid to qualified metering personnel. It is not intended to replace the extensive training necessary to handle metering equipment in a safe manner.

- Use care when servicing with the power on.
- Do not assume neutral (white lead) is always at earth ground potential. Some services have this connection at line voltage.
- Be aware that dangerous voltages exist at several points within the meter when this product is installed on a meter base.
- Disconnect power before meter disassembly, soldering, or replacing components.

The meter is connected directly to line potential. Due to the possibility of the potential lines being reversed, points accessible with the cover off may be at line voltage.

Consult the meter instruction/technical manual for meter specific information.



### Synergize<sup>™</sup> RF Network GE I-210 Meter Integration

This document provides an overview of the material and steps required to integrate an Aclara Synergize<sup>™</sup> RF Network endpoint module with a new or existing GE I-210 meter.



### **Components Needed**

- Antenna
- Meter
- Bridge
- Bridge Screws
- RF board
- Antenna holder
- Bushings/Stand-offs
- Bushing/stand-off screws

### **I-210 Integration**

- **1.** Put on an ESD strap.
- **2.** Remove the meter cover.



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**3.** Remove the top of the meter by squeezing the pair of clips on each side of the meter.



4. Disconnect the remote disconnect wire from the top of the meter, if the meter has the remote disconnect option,





5. Remove the red remote disconnect wire from the metal clip on the meter base.



6. Remove the black remote disconnect wire from the metal clip on the meter base.



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7. Attach the longer red and black remote disconnect wires as shown in the following image.



8. Verify the GE-supplied bridge is properly positioned on the meter base.





9. Secure the bridge to the meter base using the two screws.



- **NOTE** If the meter has the remote disconnect option, carefully pull the remote disconnect wire underneath the bridge so it can be properly routed in Step 12.
  - **10.** Remove the backing from the antenna.



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When applying the antenna, maximum bond strength can be obtained by NOTE thoroughly cleaning and drying the surface of the antenna holder with isopropyl alcohol. For applications such as this, it is important to use reagent grade solvents. Common household materials, such as rubbing alcohol, frequently contain oils to minimize the drying affect on skin, and can interfere with the performance of a pressure-sensitive adhesive.



**12.** Place the antenna holder over the posts on the bridge.



**NOTE** If the meter has the Remote Disconnect option, make sure the Remote Disconnect wire is routed between the bridge and the antenna holder.



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**13.** Install the RF board over the bridge posts.



14. Place the bushings/standoffs over the bridge posts.



**15.** Secure the bushings using the two screws.



**16.** Connect the antenna wire to the connector on the RF board.



**NOTE** It is not required, but a Plug Insertion Tool (HRS U.FL-LP-IN) is available for mating U.FL series plugs and receptacles.





**17.** Align the 12 pin connector on the under-side of the meter top to the connector on the RF board.



**NOTE** If the meter has the remote disconnect option, align the connector on the remote disconnect wire to the connector on the underside of the meter top.



18. Press the top of the meter into place. Ensure the retaining tabs lock in place.



**19.** Place the MAC ID label above the LCD and place the FCC label below the LCD as shown in the following image.



**20.** Reinstall the meter cover.



There are several ways to get help when you have a question, an issue, or would like to speak with Aclara's Support personnel.

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## DRAFT 8-27-2015 APPENDIX A: FORM & MODULE P/NS

Only the GE I-210 (JV103X677) meter forms listed below are qualified to be integrated with the Aclara Synergize<sup>TM</sup> RF Network module.

| Meter Form | Class and<br>Voltage | Aclara GE<br>I-210+ Modules | Aclara GE<br>I-210+ RD<br>Modules | Kh Value |
|------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 18         | CL100, 120V          | Y84024-1                    | Y84024-301                        | 1.0      |
|            | CL100, 240V          | Y84024-1                    | Y84024-301                        | 1.0      |
| 1SRD       | CL100, 120V          | Y84024-1                    | Y84024-301                        | 1.0      |
| 28         | CL200, 240V          | Y84024-1                    | Y84024-301                        | 1.0      |
|            | CL320, 240V          | Y84024-1                    | Y84024-301                        | 1.0      |
| 2SRD       | CL200, 240V          | Y84024-1                    | Y84024-301                        | 1.0      |
| 3S         | CL20, 240V           | Y84024-1                    | Y84024-301                        | 1.0      |
| 4S         | CL20, 240V           | Y84024-1                    | Y84024-301                        | 1.0      |
| 128        | CL200, 120V          | Y84024-1                    | Y84024-301                        | 1.0      |
|            | CL320, 120V          | Y84024-1                    | Y84024-301                        | 1.0      |
| 12SRD      | CL200, 120V          | Y84024-1                    | Y84024-301                        | 1.0      |
| 258        | CL200, 240V          | Y84024-1                    | Y84024-301                        | 1.0      |

## DRAFT 8-27-2015 APPENDIX B: WIRING DIAGRAMS



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#### Synergize<sup>™</sup> RF Network Endpoint Module



### **Electrical Specifications**

| Parameter                     | Rating                            |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Input Voltage                 | 4.0 VDC or optional 28VDC         |
| Quiescent Current             | 70 mA @ 4 VDC                     |
| Current while transmitting RF | <800 mA @ 4 VDC                   |
| Power Supply                  | DC energy is provided by the host |

#### **Environmental Specifications**

| Parameter                       | Rating  |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Effect of Operating Temperature | Aclara specific test<br>-40° C to 70° C with and without solar load   |
| Effect of Relative Humidity     | Aclara specific test<br>60° C for thee 24 hour cycles or 85° C for one 24 hour cycle at 95±<br>4% relative humidity, non-condensing |

#### **Physical Specifications**

| Test Title         | Specification |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Approximate weight | < 3 oz.       |
| Dimensions         | Irregular     |

#### **Compliance Specifications**

| Test Title                               | Specification   |
|--|---|
| EMI/RFI Emission -<br>Conducted/Radiated | FCC 15.107 Conducted Emissions IEC CISPR 22<br>FCC 15.109 Unintentional Radiator IEC CISPR 22 |
| EMI/RFI Susceptibility                   | RF Susceptibility ANSI C12.1 Test #26 200 kHz to 10 GHz 20 V/m                                |
| FCC Part 90                              | Subpart I, emission mask D  |
| Occupied Bandwidth                       | 11.25 kHz   |
| RF Output Power                          | $\leq$ +30 dBm<br>Transmit duty cycle $\leq$ 2%   |
| Carrier Frequency Stability              | ± 2.5 ppm   |

Note: This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation. This product complies with FCC OET Bulletin 65 & Industry Canada's RSS-102 radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. Aclara Technologies LLC low power RF devices and their antennas must be fixed-mounted on indoor or outdoor permanent structure(s) providing a separation distance of at least 20 cm from all persons during normal operation. This device is not designed (and it has no external connection) to operate in conjunction with any other antennas or transmitters. No other operating instructions for satisfying RF exposure compliance are needed.

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