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The purpose of this letter is to request single modular approval of the Elster Solutions Energy Axis www.elster.com Model ILC24FI printed circuit board assembly, which operates as a frequency-hopping spread-spectrum transceiver for automatic meter reading in the 902- 928 MHz ISM band under the provisions of FCC Part 15.247.

To address the specific numbered items of FCC Part 15.212:

1. The ILC24FI board incorporates two shields, one over the wireless transceiver IC and one over the RF front end module, both attached (soldered) to the printed-circuit board. The bottoms of the shields are enclosed by a copper plane that is part of the printed-circuit board.
2. The ILC24FI transmitter incorporates digital buffers on the data inputs, which are part of the transceiver ICs. The peak modulation is set by firmware that is stored within the transceiver ICs. The data rate is set by the same stored firmware. For this reason, over-driving the modulation input, or applying excessive data rates to the data input cannot produce over-modulation.
3. The ILC24FI has its own power supply regulation. It receives unregulated power from the host metering devices and this is applied to a switching regulator which is followed by a linear regulator to supply the lower voltage sections of the device. For this reason, varying the supply voltage to the ILC24FI cannot vary the transmitter power, which is set and measured at the time of manufacture.
4. The ILC24FI can be configured to use an internal or external antenna, both meeting FCC parts 15.203, 15.204(b), and 15.204(c). The internal antenna is integrated onto plastic that conforms to the shape of the meter and is directly connected to the meter. External antennas are directly connected to an isolation board for safety, which in turn is directly connected to the ILC24FI module.
5. The ILC24FI module was tested in a stand-alone configuration for compliance with the FCC Part 15 requirements. The module also complies with the AC line conducted requirements found in FCC Part 15.207. The ILC24FI module is intended to be installed in A3 electricity meters and metering equipment supplied by Elster Solutions.
6. The ILC24FI has a label to identify the module's FCC ID. This label is silkscreen printed on the ILC24FI printed circuit board assembly and is thus permanent. Additionally, the FCC ID appears on the front-panel nameplate of Elster Solutions meters and devices that contain the ILC24FI module.
7. The ILC24FI complies and is certified for compliance with all of the applicable provisions of FCC Part 15.247 for frequency-hopping spread-spectrum devices.
8. The ILC24FI is a low-power (0.25 W) device and operates with a low duty cycle. The ILC24FI has been demonstrated and certified to comply with the MPE RF exposure requirements for mobile devices. Installation and operating instructions specify the required minimum distance from humans for installed electricity meters.

Respectfully,

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