

RF Exposure Evaluation Report

For:

Elster Solutions, LLC

Model: NXCMR300

Product Description:

900MHz ISM radio, LTE Cat-M1 MODEM, gas & water metering metrology

FCC ID: QZC-NXCMR300 IC: 4577A-NXCMR300

Per:

CFR Part Part1 (1.1307 &1.1310), Part 2 (2.1091), FCC KDB 447498 D04 Interim General RF Exposure Guidance v01 ISED RSS-102 Issue 5

Report number: EMC HONEY 229 23001 FCC ISED RF Exposure Rev1

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1 Assessment

This RF Exposure evaluation report provides evidence for compliance of the equipment (as identified in section 3 of this test report) with the RF Exposure limits for mobile devices as defined in FCC CFR Part 1 1.1307, Part 2 (2.1091) and ISED standard RSS-102 issue 5 under worst case conditions (measured or rated RF output power including tune-up tolerance, antenna gain, the distance towards the human body, multiple transmitter information as presented by the applicant).

In addition, maximum antenna gain or minimum distance towards the human body is calculated respectively, where relevant.

The device meets the limits stipulated by the above given FCC and ISED rule parts based on available specifications for worst-case conditions at a separation distance greater than 20cm to the body.

| Company | Description | Model No. |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Elster Solutions, LLC | 900MHz ISM radio, LTE Cat-M1 MODEM, | NXCMR300 |
| Eister Solutions, LLC | gas & water metering metrology | NACIVIRSUU |

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| Date | Section | Name | Signature |

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| Date | Section | Name | Signature |

The test results of this test report relate exclusively to the test item specified in Section3.

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2 Administrative Data

2.1 Identification of the Testing Laboratory Issuing the EMC Test Report

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| Responsible Project Leader: | Cathy Palacios | | | | | |

2.2 Identification of the Client

| Client Firm/Name: | Elster Solutions, LLC | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Street Address: | 208 South Rogers Lane | | | | |
| City/Zip Code | Raleigh, NC 27610 | | | | |
| Country | USA | | | | |

2.3 Identification of the Manufacturer

| Manufacturer's Name: | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Manufacturers Address: | Same as Client |
| City/Zip Code | Carrie as Gilerit |
| Country | |



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3 Equipment under Assessment

| Model No: | NXCMR300 | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| HW Version : | 1.0 | | | | | |
| SW Version : | 1.0 | | | | | |
| FCC-ID: | QZC-NXCMR300 | | | | | |
| IC-ID: | 4577A-NXCMR300 | | | | | |
| PMN: | NXCMR300 | | | | | |
| Product Description: | Provides metrology for gas and water meters, communicates metering data over LTE Cat-M1. 900MHz ISM radio used for initial setup/configuration, or walk-by metering in areas of poor cellular coverage. | | | | | |
| Frequency Range / number of channels: | 902 – 928 MHz, 25 channels frequency hopping Data rate: 35.5 kbps or 142.2 kbps | | | | | |
| Radios included in device | ISM: SiLabs EFR32FG28 SoC FSK modulation 25 channels frequency hopping | | | | | |
| Other Radios included in the device: | Sequans GM02S | | | | | |
| Antenna Information as declared: | Max Gain 1.5 dBi | | | | | |
| Max. declared output Powers: | 6.05 dBm | | | | | |
| Power Supply/ Rated Operating Voltage Range: | 3.2 VDC – 3.8 VDC | | | | | |
| Operating Temperature Range | -40° to 85° C | | | | | |
| Sample Revision | ■Production Unit; □Pre-Production | | | | | |
| EUT Dimensions | 17.78 x 11.43 x 7.62 cm | | | | | |
| Weight | 544.31 grams | | | | | |
| EUT Diameter | ⊠< 60 cm □ Other | | | | | |



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4 RF Exposure Limits and FCC and ISED Basic Rules

4.1 FCC

4.1.1 § 2.1091(c)(1)

Evaluation of compliance with the exposure limits in § 1.1310 of this chapter, and preparation of an EA if the limits are exceeded, is necessary for mobile devices with single RF sources having either more than an available maximum time-averaged power of 1 mW or more than the ERP listed in Table 1 to § 1.1307(b)(3)(i)(C), whichever is greater. For mobile devices not exempt by § 1.1307(b)(3)(i)(C) at distances from 20 centimeters to 40 centimeters and frequencies from 0.3 GHz to 6 GHz, evaluation of compliance with the exposure limits in § 1.1310 of this chapter is necessary if the ERP of the device is greater than ERP20cm in the formula below. If the ERP of a single RF source at distances from 20 centimeters to 40 centimeters and frequencies from 0.3 GHz to 6 GHz is not easily obtained, then the available maximum time-averaged power may be used (i.e., without consideration of ERP) in comparison with the following formula only if the physical dimensions of the radiating structure(s) do not exceed the electrical length of $\lambda/4$ or if the antenna gain is less than that of a half-wave dipole (1.64 linear value).

$$P_{th}(\text{mW}) = ERP_{20\;cm}\;(\text{mW}) = \begin{cases} 2040f & 0.3\;\text{GHz} \le f < 1.5\;\text{GHz} \\ \\ 3060 & 1.5\;\text{GHz} \le f \le 6\;\text{GHz} \end{cases}$$

4.1.2 § 2.1091(c)(2)

For multiple mobile or portable RF sources within a device operating in the same time averaging period, routine environmental evaluation is required if the formula in § 1.1307(b)(3)(ii)(B) of this chapter is applied to determine the exemption ratio and the result is greater than 1.

4.1.3 § 1.1307(b)(3)(ii)(B)

in the case of fixed RF sources operating in the same time-averaging period, or of multiple mobile or portable RF sources within a device operating in the same time averaging period, if the sum of the fractional contributions to the applicable thresholds is less than or equal to 1 as indicated in the following equation.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{a} \frac{P_i}{P_{th,i}} + \sum_{j=1}^{b} \frac{ERP_j}{ERP_{th,j}} + \sum_{k=1}^{c} \frac{Evaluated_k}{Exposure\ Limit_k} \le 1$$

4.2 ISED RSS 102

4.1.4 Clause 2.5.2 Exemption Limits for Routine Evaluation – RF Exposure Evaluation

at or above 300 MHz and below 6 GHz and the source-based, time-averaged maximum e.i.r.p. of the device is equal to or less than 1.31 x 10-2 f0.6834 W (adjusted for tune-up tolerance), where f is in MHz;



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5 Evaluations

5.1 FCC RF Exposure (Standalone)

| Radio | Modulation | Freq-Low _[GHz] | Pwr _[dBm] | Power _[W] | Ant-G _[dBi] | ERP _[W] | ERP _[mW] | Threshold ERP _[W] | ERP < Threshold ERP _[W] | FCC 2.1091(c)(1) Pth _{[mW] =} ERP _{20cm} |
|-------|------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| LoRa | FSK | 0.9020 | 6.05 | 0.0040 | 1.50 | 0.003 | 3.47 | 0.46 | Yes | 1840.08 |

5.2 ISED RF Exposure (Standalone)

| | | | | | | | | RF Exposure | | |
|-------|------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| | | | | | | | | RSS-102 2.5.2 D>20 cm (300 ≤ Freq < | 6000 MHz) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Exemption limit for Routine Evaluation Exemption | |
| Radio | Modulation | Freq-Low [MHZ] | Pwr _[dBm] | Power _[W] | Ant-G [dBi] | Ant-G [lin] | EIRP _[W] | EIRP _[mW] | Exemption limit for Routine Evaluation | Exemption (Y/N) |

Conclusion:

• The maximum RF emissions from this equipment fulfills the SAR exclusion threshold limits for separation distance between the antenna and the human body greater than 20 mm. SAR is not required.



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6 Revision History

| Date | Report Name | Changes to report | Prepared by |
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