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The CLARA facility at Daresbury Laboratory (UK) is capable of producing femtosecond-scale electron bunches, which will be used in the Full Energy Beam Exploitation (FEBE) beamline. CLARA will employ multiple techniques to manipulate the longitudinal beam profile, including a variable bunch compressor and velocity bunching. Existing longitudinal THz diagnostics on CLARA are multi-shot methods, but for user experiments a single-shot diagnostic operating at the machine repetition rate of 100 Hz is needed. Here, we present a single-shot, 4-channel calorimeter system for use in FEBE to measure the spectrum of THz Coherent Transition Radiation (CTR), which can then be used to estimate longitudinal bunch length. In the device, a set of frequency selective elements designed at STFC RAL Space (UK) distribute specific bandwidths between calorimeters, which use a single-shot detector based on earlier wideband single-shot THz diagnostics developed for CLARA. Characterization of the frequency selective elements has been done using both simulations and Time-domain spectroscopy. The instrument is currently being assembled and tested, and commissioning with beam is planned for early 2024.

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