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CC Docket No. 94-102 /

To: The Commission

**Quarterly Report of Thumb Cellular Limited Partnership
Regarding TTY Access to Digital Wireless Systems**

Thumb Cellular Limited Partnership (Reporter) hereby submits its quarterly report regarding implementation of Text Telephone access (TTY) to digital wireless systems in compliance with the FCC's *Fourth Report and Order* in the captioned proceeding. 66 Fed. Reg. 35430 (July 5, 2001).

Reporter is licensed to provide cellular service in Michigan and Reporter utilizes Century Cellunet's nearby switching facility and is thus dependant upon Century Cellunet for TTY availability. It is Reporter's understanding that Century Cellunet's digital TTY implementation efforts are dependent upon Nortel's provision of suitable hardware/software solutions in order to implement digital TTY and that Reporter and Century Cellunet are also dependent upon the availability of compatible TTY handsets. The information most recently available to Reporter is that Nortel intends to have a solution in its MTX10 software package which is currently scheduled for release in March or April 2002. Reporter implement necessary upgrades when they become available to it. It is Reporter's understanding that Nortel is working with the TTY Forum in an effort to achieve a solution at the earliest possible time and Reporter supports the joint effort of those entities to achieve a workable solution as promptly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
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