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**Subject:** Re: Hearing Aid Compatibility-FCC NPRM

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While I was in St. Croix, I sent you the following message but did not give you a correct reply address which is geodv@erols.com. Please respond to this address.

A response to the question at the end of this message is urgently requested. I notice that there has been meetings of the telephone industry with FCC but none with persons wearing hearing aids who desire that the exemption of wireless telephones be revoked, or any meetings with associations representing the hearing impaired such as SHHH or the Alexander Bell Association.

I have read with interest the Telecommunications Industry Association's comments and agree that the hearing aid industry must make their hearing aids immune to RF interference but insist that making digital cellular telephones HAC would not solve the problem.

However with out revoking the exemption of wireless telephones more incompatible telephones will be manufactured which will not be useable when the hearing aid's are made immune to RF interference. The telephone industry must make any telephones manufactured in the near future to be HAC compatible and eliminate the magnetic flux which prevents their use with the hearing aid's telecoil.

The solution to making hearing aids immune is very simple, requiring only that the cases be plated with a conducting material and making connection to the hearing aid's electronics as I have repeatedly stated in my comments. I have been told that at least one hearing aid manufacturer, Oticon, has made such cases available but none have been asked for by any American company selling hearing aids.

There is no reason why hearing aids can not be made immune almost immediately but they would not be useable for many using telecoils without the telephone's industry making the telephones hearing aid compatible.

As I have stated in previous email to the FCC in my comments on HAC that I will be happy to bring proof that hearing aids can be made immune to RF interference simply and inexpensively. I am unable to understand why the FCC is not willing to allow me to demonstrate the principles involved. How does one make an appointment with the appropriate FCC personnel?

A response to my question above would be greatly appreciated and in the interest of all persons wearing hearing aids who wish to use digital cellular telephones

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From: Access Access <Access@fcc.gov>  
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Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2001 2:23 PM  
Subject: Hearing Aid Compatibility-FCC NPRM

You have previously contacted us about hearing aid compatibility with wireless phone services. Attached is a copy of the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) about proposed rules for Hearing Aid Compatible mobile telephones. This is an opportunity to ensure your comments and concerns, and organizations you may be associated with, are entered into the formal Docket. NPRM Paragraphs # 19-38 raise particular issues the FCC wants comments on. If you submit a comment letter, you may mention which paragraph you are commenting on by its number or raise an additional issue. Please make sure you follow the instructions for filing comments as found in paragraphs #38-42 of the NPRM. You should include your full name, address and title or affiliation as appropriate. Your comment letter should reference, at its beginning, the NPRM, i.e., "Wireless Bureau Docket No. 01-309, RM-8658, in re Hearing Aid Compatibility." The Comment deadline is January 11, 2002 with a Reply Comment date of February 11, 2002 (Reply Comments are often comments responding to first set of comments, or new comments).

Please note that your comment to the formal docket record will likely be read by industry representatives, attorneys, other stakeholders and consumers, as well as FCC staff. To read comments received into this docket go to the FCC web site <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html> and enter the docket number. We look forward to seeing your input into this rulemaking. The NPRM is on the FCC's Disabilities Rights Office web site at <http://www.fcc.gov/dro> and click down to Hearing Aid Compatibility on the left side.