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April 15, 2002

William F. Caton  
Acting Secretary of the Commission  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *North Carolina RSA 1 Partnership*  
*Quarterly TTY Status Report -- CC Docket No. 94-102*

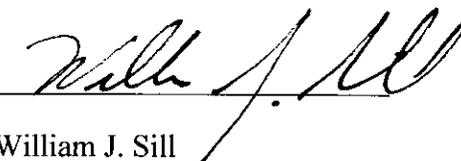
Dear Mr. Caton:

North Carolina RSA 1 Partnership ("NCRSA1") hereby submits its TTY Quarterly Status Report.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions that you may have at (202) 783-4141.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Kris Monteith, Chief, Policy Division  
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**North Carolina RSA 1 Partnership  
Quarterly TTY Report  
April 15th, 2002  
CC Docket No. 94-102**

In response to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC"), Fourth Report and Order,<sup>1</sup> in its Enhanced 911 proceeding in which it established new deadlines for digital wireless carriers to be capable of transmitting 911 calls made using TTY devices, North Carolina RSA 1 Partnership ("NCRSA1"), the licensee in the North Carolina 1 – Cherokee RSA (Block B), hereby submits its TTY Quarterly Status Report ("Report").

NCRSA1 utilizes the switch of an adjacent market licensee. NCRSA1 has been informed by this licensee that the switch, and supporting software, currently in use is capable of supporting TTY.

NCRSA1 remains unable to order customer premise equipment ("CPE") capable of supporting TTY. The absence of firm commitments and definite standards from handset vendors continues to be a major obstacle in meeting the June 30, 2002 deadline for transmitting TTY 911 calls. Accordingly, currently there are no TTY capable handsets available to NCRSA1 and NCRSA1 cannot obtain a firm date by which TTY capable handsets will be available in its market.

Even after general availability of CPE, NCRSA1 will need time to deploy and test any available handset solution across their networks. NCRSA1 projects that it will take an additional 3-6 months from the receipt of the CPE to test and implement any TTY capabilities. While NCRSA1 is committed to taking all necessary actions so as to be prepared to transmit TTY 911 service to their customers by June 30, 2002, meeting this deadline seems unlikely at this time due to circumstances beyond NCRSA1's control.

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<sup>1</sup> Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems, CC Docket No. 94-102, *Fourth Report and Order*, 15 FCC Rcd. 25216 (2000) [hereafter "*Order*"].