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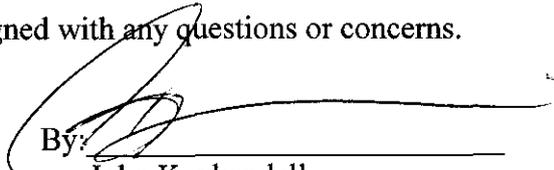
Attn: Patrick Forster, Senior Engineer - Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Re: Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. & Pine Belt PCS, Inc.  
Second Quarter 2003 TTY Status Report - CC Docket No. 94-102

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. & Pine Belt PCS, Inc. hereby submit a joint TTY Status Report for the second quarter 2003, pursuant to the Commission's directive in the *Fourth Report and Order* (released December 14, 2000) and Order (released June 28, 2002)<sup>1</sup> in this docket.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns.

By: 

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Attachment

<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure Compatibility with Enhanced 911 Emergency Calling Systems*, Order, CC Docket 94-102, para. 24 (rel. June 28, 2002) (Commission requiring that quarter reports continue for carriers seeking additional time).

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**PINE BELT CELLULAR, INC. & PINE BELT PCS, INC.**  
**TTY STATUS REPORT**  
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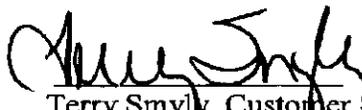
Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. and Pine Belt PCS, Inc. (collectively "Pine Belt Wireless") have requested waiver of the FCC's requirement for digital wireless carriers to obtain all software upgrades and equipment necessary to make their systems capable of transmitting 911 calls from TTY devices (the "TTY Rule"). The request for waiver seeks a temporary waiver of the TTY Rule, until November 23, 2003, on the basis that before that date, it would be inequitable, unduly burdensome and contrary to the public interest to require Pine Belt Wireless to make the expensive upgrades required to make its CDMA system TTY-compatible.<sup>1</sup> The request remains pending at the Commission.

On April 25, 2003, Pine Belt Wireless reported that it had received notice of approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") loan. The funds from this loan will be used to make the requisite upgrades to comply with the TTY Rule and other Commission mandates as well as improve and expand the carriers' wireless service offerings. The approval of the loan was contingent on several factors.

Pine Belt Wireless hereby reports that the various guarantees, financial information and other documents, which are required by RUS as part of the requirements of loan approval process are scheduled to be submitted to RUS within the next few weeks. Additionally, in fulfillment of one of the conditions of the loan, Pine Belt Wireless has filed an application to assign the PCS license held by Pine Belt PCS, Inc. to Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. Pine Belt Wireless hereby reports that the Commission has conditionally granted the application<sup>2</sup> and that on June 30, 2003, the transaction was consummated.<sup>3</sup> Internal reorganization to fulfill some of the other loan requirements will soon take place.

Advance of the funds for the purpose of making the necessary upgrades are also conditioned upon several financial and organizational benchmarks which are not yet satisfied. Accordingly, the company is unable, at this time, to estimate the timing of availability of funds.

Respectfully submitted,



Terry Smyly, Customer Service Mgr  
Pine Belt Cellular, Inc.  
Pine Belt PCS, Inc

<sup>1</sup> The initial request for waiver was filed on June 28, 2002 and sought extension of the TTY Rule until March 31, 2003. On January 15, 2003, the request was amended to seek further extension of the deadline, until November 23, 2003.

<sup>2</sup> See *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Grants Consent to Assign C Block Broadband PCS License: Public Notice*, DA 03-1173 (rel. April 18, 2003).

<sup>3</sup> See Notification of Consummation of Assignment of Authorization (FCC Form 603) filed July 9, 2003 (file number 0001377035).