

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Section 68.4(a) of the Commission’s Rules)	WT Docket No. 01-309
Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones)	RM-8658
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Hearing Aid Compatibility Report

Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Leaco”), by its attorneys, pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission” or “FCC”) *Order* in WT Docket No. 01-309,^{1/} and the subsequent *Public Notice* in the same proceeding,^{2/} hereby files its First Report detailing its efforts towards compliance with the FCC’s hearing aid compatibility requirements. Leaco is including in its First Report all information of which it has knowledge, but does not address those reporting requirements in the *Order* that can be adequately answered only by the individual handset manufacturer.

I. Carrier Background

Leaco is a small Commercial Mobile Radio Services carrier that provides service in New Mexico.

II. Handsets Currently Offered for Sale

Leaco currently offers for sale handsets manufactured by Nokia. The specific handset models are the Nokia 2260, 3360, 3560 and 5165.

Based on conversations with Nokia for each handset that Leaco currently offers for sale, none of the phones Leaco has been able to obtain from its third party vendor meet the Commission’s hearing aid compatibility requirements at this time. However, Leaco does offer hands-free neck loop accessories to allow for conversation by users with telecoil-compatible hearing aids.

^{1/} In the Matter of Section 68.4(a) of the Commission’s Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones, *Report and Order*, WT Docket No. 01-309 (August 14, 2003) (“*Order*”).

^{2/} Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces Hearing Aid Compatibility Reporting Dates for Wireless Carriers and Handset Manufacturers, *Public Notice*, WT Docket No. 01-309 (rel. March 8, 2004) (“*Public Notice*”).

III. Hearing Aid Compatible Handset Labeling/Insert Requirement

All of the handsets that Leaco has available for sale to its subscribers have labels attached on the handset's packaging indicating the U-rating of the wireless telephone. In addition, each handset includes an insert, which describes the U-rating system.

IV. Outreach Efforts

Leaco intends to educate its subscribers, and any potential subscribers, on the functionality of any of the hearing aid compatible handsets it is able to obtain. In addition, Leaco works with all of its customers to ensure that there are no difficulties with the performance or functionality of the handsets it offers.

Respectfully Submitted,

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