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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

***Re: WT Docket No. 01-309
HAC Digital Wireless Telephones***

First Semi-Annual Report

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Filer, Walnut Communications, Inc., is the licensee of Station WPYR813 (D22 Block – Partitioned from the Omaha, Nebraska BTA) and Station WPTD295 (D14 Block – Partitioned from the Omaha, Nebraska BTA) in the Broadband Personal Communications Service. This report is submitted pursuant to the requirements of Paragraph Nos. 89 – 91 of the Commission's *Report and Order* (WT Docket No. 01-309), FCC 03-168, released August 14, 2003 ("R&O").

By way of background, the Filer is a small, Tier III Commercial Mobile Radio Service licensee, as defined in the Commission's E-911 *Order to Stay*, FCC 02-210, released July 26, 2002. The Filer's broadband PCS systems employ a CDMA air interface. Because the Filer offers two or fewer digital wireless handsets in the U.S., it qualifies for the *de minimis* exception to the Hearing Aid Compatibility ("HAC") rules, described in Rule Section 20.19 (e)(1).

Should you have any questions, please contact John Prendergast or Cary Mitchell of the law firm of Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy & Prendergast. Either may be reached by calling (202) 659-0830.

Respectfully submitted,

WALNUT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.



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