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**Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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**Re: WT Docket No. 01-309
HAC Digital Wireless Telephones
Broadband PCS Stations KNLG704 and
KNLG705
BTA 113 (Dickinson, North Dakota)**

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First Semi-Annual Report

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

This report is filed 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”).

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Consolidated Telcom is the licensee of stations KNLG704 and KNLG705 in the Broadband Personal Communications Service (PCS), acquired in Auction No. 11. These stations operate on the F- and D-blocks, respectively (10 MHz each). The licensed service area covers the Dickinson, North Dakota Basic Trading Area (BTA 113), a rural area in southwestern North Dakota. Consolidated utilizes GSM equipment manufactured by InterWAVE Communications, Inc. of Menlo Park, California (InterWAVE).

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As a preliminary matter, Consolidated Telcom notes that it is currently marketing fewer than three digital wireless handsets. Accordingly, it appears that Consolidated Telcom is exempt from the requirements of Section 20.19 of the Commission’s Rules. Should the number increase to three or more, in achieving compliance with the Hearing Aid Compatibility (“HAC”) requirements of the *R&O*, Consolidated Telcom would be literally at the mercy of the handset manufacturers to develop and market HAC-compliant digital wireless handsets.

As a small, Tier III wireless carrier, Consolidated Telcom has no influence over the product development and distribution decisions of wireless handset manufacturers; and, accordingly, Consolidated Telcom must rely on the manufacturers to develop HAC-compliant digital wireless handsets for use on its system.

Given the foregoing, the information requested by the Commission follows:

Item 1 -- Digital Wireless Phones Tested: Consolidated Telcom has not tested any digital wireless telephones for HAC compliance.

Item 2 -- Laboratory Used: None. See response to Item 1.

Item 3 -- Test Results For Each Phone Tested: Not applicable. See response to Item 1.

Item 4 -- Identification Of Compliant Phone Models and Ratings According To ANSI C63.19: Upon information and belief, the handset marketed by Consolidated Telcom does not meet the U3 or U3T rating under ANSI Standard C63.19.

Item 5 -- Report On The Status Of Product Labeling: None. It is anticipated that product labeling will be handled by the handset manufacturers.

Item 6 -- Report on Outreach Efforts: Consolidated Telcom is developing a hearing aid compatibility information sheet to assist hearing impaired customers in selecting new HAC-compliant phones as they become available. We will make sure that our sales and customer service personnel are knowledgeable in this area and understand how best they can help people who use a hearing aid.

Item 7 -- Information Related To Retail Availability of Compliant Phones: Upon information and belief, there are currently no handsets commercially available that meet the U3 or U3T rating under ANSI Standard C63.19.

Item 8 -- Information Related To Incorporating Hearing Aid Compatibility Features Into Newer Models Of Digital Wireless Phones: The incorporation of HAC features into newer models of digital wireless telephones will be determined and accomplished by the handset manufacturers.

Item 9 – Any Activities Related To ANSI 63.19 Or Other Standards Work Intended To Promote Compliance With The Requirements Of The Commission’s Report and Order: None at this time.

Item 10 – Total Numbers Of Compliant And Non-Compliant Phone Models Offered As Of The Date Of This Report: Upon information and belief, there are currently no handsets commercially available that meet the U3 or U3T rating under ANSI Standard C63.19.

Item 11 – Any Ongoing Efforts For Interoperability Testing With Hearing Aid Devices: Interoperability testing will be performed by the handset manufacturers.

Very truly yours,

Consolidated Telcom

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Dated: May 17, 2004

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