

**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

Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. ("ASTAC"), 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. ASTAC 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 manufacturers.

I. Carrier Background

ASTAC is a small Commercial Mobile Radio Services carrier that provides service in Alaska.

II. Handsets Currently Offered for Sale

ASTAC currently offers for sale handsets manufactured by Nokia. The specific handset models are the Nokia 2950, 3520, 5165 and 6360.

Based on conversations with Nokia regarding each handset that ASTAC currently offers for sale, none of the phones ASTAC has been able to obtain from its third party vendor meet the Commission's hearing aid compatibility requirements at this time. However, ASTAC does offer hands-free neck loop accessories for its handsets 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

None of the handsets that ASTAC has available for sale to its subscribers have a label attached on the handset's packaging indicating the U-rating of the wireless telephone. None of the handset packaging contains inserts describing the U-rating system.

IV. Outreach Efforts

ASTAC 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, ASTAC is committed to working with any hearing impaired individual to ensure that they are satisfied with their service.

Respectfully Submitted,
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