

**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

VTel Wireless, Inc. ("VTel"), 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. VTel 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

In April of 2002, VTel initiated commercial operations to provide digital GSM PCS in the Marquette, MI BTA, under FCC call sign KNLH722 using a single cell site. The VTel cell site has been operated under a switching arrangement with a neighboring GSM carrier and has been operated as an extended part of that network. However, VTel does not independently market service in this BTA and does not currently have home subscribers.

II. Handsets Currently Offered for Sale

As detailed above, VTel does not market handsets or have any of its own home subscribers. The subscribers of the host system utilize this cell site as a part of their home network

^{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

Since VTel does not have any of its own home subscribers and does not market handsets for sale, it is unable to report on manufacturer efforts to label and educate consumers regarding hearing aid compliant handsets.

IV. Outreach Efforts

When and if VTel undertakes its own marketing to subscribers, it intends to educate those subscribers on the functionality of any of the hearing aid compatible handsets it makes available for sale.

Respectfully Submitted,

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