

**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

Northwest Missouri Cellular Limited Partnership (“NWMC”), 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. NWMC 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

NWMC is a small carrier that provides Commercial Mobile Radio Service using TDMA technology in Missouri RSA No. 1 – Atchison, under FCC call sign KNKN816. NWMC is currently awaiting the Commission’s decision on the *Petition* filed by NWMC, as part of the TDMA Carriers, and RTG seeking limited reconsideration of the *Order*.^{3/} The *Petition* requests that the Commission’s hearing aid compatibility requirements for TDMA carriers, such as NWMC, be conditioned and tied to the actual commercial availability of handsets.

^{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*”).

^{3/} *In the Matter of Section 68.4(a) of the Commission’s Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones*, *Petition for Reconsideration*, WT Docket No. 01-309, (October 16, 2003) (“*Petition*”).

II. Handsets Currently Offered for Sale

NWMC currently offers for sale handsets manufactured by Motorola and Nokia. The specific handset models are the Motorola V60t and the Nokia 3560.

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

III. Hearing Aid Compatible Handset Labeling/Insert Requirement

None of the handsets that NWMC 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

NWMC 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, NWMC provides all of its customers a thirty-day no questions asked return policy.

Respectfully Submitted,

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