

**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**

Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-I Partnership; Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-II Partnership; and Illinois Valley Cellular RSA 2-III Partnership (the “IVC Partnerships”) by their attorneys, pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission” or “FCC”) *Order* in WT Docket No. 01-309,<sup>1/</sup> and the subsequent *Public Notice* in the same proceeding,<sup>2/</sup> hereby files its Second Report detailing its efforts towards compliance with the FCC’s hearing aid compatibility requirements. The IVC Partnerships are including in their Second Report all information of which they have knowledge, but do not address those reporting requirements in the *Order* that can be adequately answered only by the individual handset manufacturers.

**I. Carrier Background**

The IVC Partnerships are Commercial Mobile Radio Services carriers that provide service using analog and digital TDMA and CDMA technology in the Illinois RSA 2 – Bureau under FCC call signs KNKN581, KNKN582, and KNKN583. The IVC Partnerships are currently awaiting the Commission’s decision on the *Petition* filed by the IVC Partnerships, as part of the TDMA Carriers, and RTG seeking limited reconsideration of the *Order*.<sup>3/</sup> The *Petition* requests that the Commission’s hearing aid compatibility requirements for TDMA carriers, such as the IVC Partnerships, be conditioned and tied to the actual commercial availability of handsets.

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<sup>1/</sup> 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*”).

<sup>2/</sup> 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*”).

<sup>3/</sup> *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**

The IVC Partnerships currently offer for sale handsets manufactured by Nokia, Kyocera, LG and Motorola. The specific handset models are the Nokia 3205, 3585, 6015 and 6585; Kyocera KE424c, KX434c and SE44; LG VX3100 and VX4400; and the Motorola C343, E310, V60si and V810.

Based on conversations with the manufacturer of each handset that the IVC Partnerships currently offer for sale, none of the phones the IVC Partnerships have been able to obtain from their third party vendor meet the Commission's hearing aid compatibility requirements at this time. However, the IVC Partnerships do offer hands-free neck loop accessories for a number of their handsets to allow for conversation by users with telecoil-compatible hearing aids.

## **III. Hearing Aid Compatible Handset Labeling/Insert Requirement**

None of the handsets that the IVC Partnerships have available for sale to their 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**

The IVC Partnerships intend to educate their subscribers, and any potential subscribers, on the functionality of any of the hearing aid compatible handsets they are able to obtain.

Respectfully Submitted,

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