

**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**

Public Service Cellular, Inc. ("PSCI"), by its 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. PSCI is including in its Second 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**

PSCI is a Commercial Mobile Radio Services carrier that provides analog and digital service using TDMA digital technology in the Columbus, GA/ AL MSA; Georgia 6 – Spalding; Alabama 5 – Cleburne; Alabama 8 – Lee; Georgia 5 – Haralson; and Georgia 9 – Marion RSAs, under FCC call signs KNKN883; KNKN976; KNKN687; KNKN872; KNKN913; KNKN932; and KNKN934; and digital services in the Anderson, SC; Anniston, AL; and Columbus, GA BTAs; under FCC call signs KNLG210; KNLH421; and KNLH422. PSC is overbuilding its TDMA network with GSM technology and is presently operating GSM in several of its markets. PSCI is currently awaiting the Commission's decision on the *Petition* filed by PSCI, as part of the TDMA Carriers, and RTG seeking limited reconsideration of the *Order*.<sup>3/</sup> The *Petition*

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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*").

requests that the Commission's hearing aid compatibility requirements for TDMA carriers, such as PSCI, be conditioned and tied to the actual commercial availability of handsets.

## **II. Handsets Currently Offered for Sale**

PSCI currently offers for sale handsets manufactured by Handspring, Motorola, Nokia, Ericson, Siemens, Sendo and Sony Ericson. The specific handset models are the Handspring Treo 600; Motorola 250, 333, 353, 7797, 120T, 720G, C353, C332T, V60T, V60TI, V120, V180, V220, V400, V525, V600 and V2397; Nokia 918, 252, 1100, 1260, 2260, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3360, 3560, 3595, 3600, 3620, 5165, 6010, 6100, 6200, 6230, 6360, 6560, 6620, 6800, 6820 and 7160; Ericson A12228DI, R280, R289, R300, T18, T18DI and T19; Siemens A56; Sendo S251 and M551; and Sony Ericson P900 and T61V, T226, T237, T616 and T637.

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

PSCI 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.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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