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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary of the Commission  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report (WT Docket No. 01-309)*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

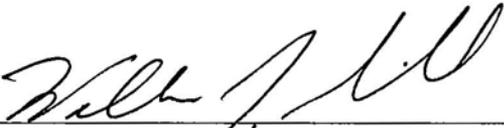
Pursuant to the Commission's *Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report and Order*,<sup>1</sup> attached please find a Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report submitted on behalf of Litchfield County Cellular, Inc.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions that you may have at (202) 783-4141.

Sincerely,

WILKINSON BARKER KNAUER, LLP

By:

  
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Attachment

<sup>1</sup> Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones, WT Docket No. 01-309, Report and Order, 18 FCC Rcd 16753 (2003).

# **HEARING AID-COMPATIBILITY STATUS REPORT**

**November 17, 2004**

**Litchfield County Cellular, Inc.  
Licensee of:**

**(KY11) Kentucky 11 (B) - Clay RSA  
Call Sign: KNKN787**

Litchfield County Cellular, Inc., ("LCC") hereby provides the Commission with its semi-annual Hearing Aid-Compatibility Status Report ("Report"), as required by the Commission's *Hearing Aid-Compatible Report and Order*.<sup>1</sup> LCC is submitting this report in order to provide the Commission with the current status of LCC's efforts and progress it has made toward compliance with the Commission's hearing aid-compatibility requirements since its last Status Report filing on May 17, 2004.<sup>2</sup>

LCC is the licensee of the B portion of the Kentucky 11 – Clay RSA. LCC is a very small cellular carrier operating a cellular system covering six sparsely populated counties in the state of Kentucky. As such it is dependent on third party vendors, rather than handset manufacturers, for its supply of handsets. Because LCC cannot deal directly with handset manufacturers, LCC must rely on third parties for handset information and it experiences significant delays in obtaining the latest handsets.

It is LCC's belief that it currently does not have access to any hearing aid compliant handsets. Specifically, to the best of LCC's knowledge, there are currently no hearing aid-compatibility compliant handsets that are compatible with LCC's TDMA system. Nevertheless, LCC understands that equipment manufacturers can provide accessories such as the loop-set, a headset that plugs into a handset and is worn around the neck, which will render TDMA handsets compatible for use with a hearing aid containing a telecoil. LCC currently stocks the loop-set accessory for its subscribers. Finally, LCC will continue to monitor developments on this subject through its contacts with its vendors and its counsel.

LCC is cognizant of the hearing aid-compatibility requirements and will strive to meet them in a timely manner. For example, LCC will take steps to comply with the Commission's requirement that service providers ensure that information concerning hearing aid-compatible handsets, including the handset's U-rating, is visible to a potential subscriber.

Since filing its May 17<sup>th</sup> Status Report, LCC has implemented and will continue to undertake the following outreach efforts:

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<sup>1</sup> *Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones*, WT Docket No. 01-309, *Report and Order*, 18 FCC Rcd 16753 (2003).

<sup>2</sup> *See* Hearing Aid-Compatibility Status Report for Litchfield County Cellular, Inc., filed May 17, 2004 ("May 17<sup>th</sup> Status Report").

- Made available to LCC's potential subscribers and current subscribers informational literature at its retail store(s) that highlight information regarding hearing aid-compatible handsets and accessories; and
- Conducted training sessions for retail employees to make them familiar with hearing aid-compatibility compliant handsets and accessories.

In terms of LCC's future outreach efforts, it plans to do the following:

- Place hearing aid-compatible related information on LCC's web site including, the hearing aid-compatible handsets and accessories LCC will offer, their capabilities and pricing information.
- Additional research covering hearing-aid compatible handsets and accessories offered by equipment manufacturers.