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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,*[1] attached please find a Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report submitted on behalf of Cellular Phone of Kentucky, Inc.

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

Sincerely,

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Attachment

[1] *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

Cellular Phone of Kentucky, Inc.
Licensee of:

(KY6) Kentucky 6 (B1) - Madison RSA
Call Sign: KNKN965

Cellular Phone of Kentucky, Inc., ("CPK") 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*.[1] CPK is submitting this report in order to provide the Commission with the current status of CPK'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.[2]

CPK is the licensee of the B1 portion of the Kentucky 6 – Madison RSA. CPK is a very small cellular carrier operating a cellular system covering three 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 CPK cannot deal directly with handset manufacturers, CPK must rely on third parties for handset information and it experiences significant delays in obtaining the latest handsets.

It is CPK's belief that it currently does not have access to any hearing aid compliant handsets. Specifically, to the best of CPK's knowledge, there are currently no hearing aid-compatibility compliant handsets that are compatible with CPK's TDMA system. Nevertheless, CPK 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. CPK currently stocks the loop-set accessory for its subscribers. Finally, CPK will continue to monitor developments on this subject through its contacts with its vendors and its counsel.

CPK is cognizant of the hearing aid-compatibility requirements and will strive to meet them in a timely manner. For example, CPK 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 17th Status Report, CPK has implemented and will continue to undertake the following outreach efforts:

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[1] *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).

[2] *See* Hearing Aid-Compatibility Status Report for Cellular Phone of Kentucky, Inc., filed May 17, 2004 ("May 17th Status Report").

- Made available to CPK'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 CPK's future outreach efforts, it plans to do the following:

- Place hearing aid-compatible related information on CPK's web site including, the hearing aid-compatible handsets and accessories CPK will offer, their capabilities and pricing information.

- Additional research covering hearing aid-compatible handsets and accessories offered by equipment manufacturers.