WILKINSON) BARKER) KNAUER) LLP

2300 N STREET, NW
SUITE 700
WASHINGTON, DC 20037
TEL 202.783.4141
FAX 202.783.5851
www.wbklaw.com

November 17, 2004

Filed Electronically

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 Litchfield County Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Ramcell of Oregon.

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: _____
William J. Sill
Catherine Fox

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

Litchfield County Cellular, Inc. d/b/a Ramcell of Oregon
Licensee of:

(OR5) Oregon 5 (B1) - Coos RSA
Call Sign: KNKN393

Litchfield County Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Ramcell of Oregon ("Ramcell of Oregon") 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] Ramcell of Oregon is submitting this report in order to provide the Commission with the current status of Ramcell of Oregon'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]

Ramcell of Oregon is the licensee of the B1 portion of the Oregon 5 – Coos RSA. Ramcell of Oregon is a very small cellular carrier operating a cellular system covering four sparsely populated counties in the state of Oregon. As such it is dependent on third party vendors, rather than handset manufacturers, for its supply of handsets. Because Ramcell of Oregon cannot deal directly with handset manufacturers, Ramcell of Oregon must rely on third parties for handset information and it experiences significant delays in obtaining the latest handsets.

It is Ramcell of Oregon's belief that it currently does not have access to any hearing aid compliant handsets, but Ramcell of Oregon will continue to monitor developments through its contacts with its vendors and its counsel. Nevertheless, Ramcell of Oregon 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 handsets compatible for use with a hearing aid containing a telecoil. Ramcell of Oregon currently stocks the loop-set accessory for its subscribers.

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

---

[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 Litchfield County Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Ramcell of Oregon, filed May 17, 2004 ("May 17th Status Report").

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

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

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