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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:

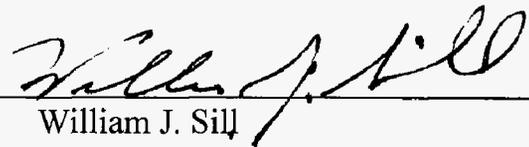
Pursuant to the Commission's *Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report and Order*,¹ attached please find a Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report submitted on behalf of Litchfield County Cellular, Inc.

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).

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Re: *Semi-Annual Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report (WT Docket No. 01-309)*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's *Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report and Order* in the above-referenced docket,¹ attached please find the semi-annual Hearing Aid-Compatibility Report submitted by Litchfield County Cellular, Inc. ("LCC"). 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.

LCC is the licensee of the B1 portion of the Kentucky 11 – Clay RSA. LCC is a very small Tier III cellular carrier operating a TDMA-based 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 of LCC's reliance on these third-party vendors, LCC experiences significant delays in obtaining the latest handsets.

Further, as LCC has explained in previous Commission pleadings, LCC initially planned to implement a CDMA overlay in its markets and transition those customers to CDMA technology but has since determined that due to the costs of an overlay, the rural nature of the market, and financial setbacks, such a measure is not economically viable from a business standpoint.² In light of these facts, LCC has no choice but to sell its system.

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 Cellular Phone of Kentucky, Inc. Petition for Waiver of Section 20.19(c)(2) of the Commission's Rules*, WT Docket No. 01-309 (filed Oct. 27, 2005). *See also Cellular Phone of Kentucky, Inc., Interim Report in CC Docket No. 94-102* (filed Sept. 1, 2005).

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As the Commission is aware, no U3-rated HAC TDMA handsets are commercially available from handset manufacturers or distributors, and equipment vendors have largely discontinued TDMA products.³ Nevertheless, LCC understands that accessories such as the loop-set – a headset that plugs into a handset and is worn around the customer's neck – will facilitate usability between a TDMA handset and a hearing aid containing a telecoil. LCC offers and stocks the Nokia LPS-4 loop-set accessory for its subscribers in all of its retail stores. Finally LCC will continue to monitor developments concerning HAC equipment through its contacts with its vendors and its counsel.

LCC has implemented, and will continue to undertake, the following outreach efforts: (1) LCC made available to its potential subscribers and current subscribers informational literature at its retail store(s) highlighting information regarding hearing aid-compatibility and accessories; and (2) LCC has initiated training sessions for retail employees to make them familiar with LCC's handset accessory offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

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³ Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing-Aid Compatible Telephones, WT Docket No. 01-309, Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 05-122, at ¶ 48-50 (rel. June 21, 2005).