

**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**

Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Leaco”), 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 Fourth Report detailing its efforts towards compliance with the FCC’s hearing aid compatibility requirements. Leaco is including in its Fourth 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 manufacturer.

**I. Carrier Background**

Leaco is a small Commercial Mobile Radio Services carrier that provides TDMA service in New Mexico.

**II. Handsets Currently Offered for Sale**

Leaco currently offers for sale TDMA handsets manufactured by Nokia and Motorola. The specific handset models are the Nokia 2260, 3560 and 6360 and the Motorola V60TI and Motorola C353T.

Based on conversations with Motorola and Nokia, none of the phones Leaco has been able to obtain from its third party vendor meet the Commission’s hearing aid compatibility requirements at this time. Moreover, none of the manufacturers that Leaco has contacted have indicated that they ever will manufacturer a TDMA hearing aid compatible handset. Leaco

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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*”).

currently has a request for waiver pending with the Commission in which Leaco has requested, to the extent a waiver is even necessary, a seven month extension (until September 16, 2006) of the FCC's requirement that Leaco offer in the overbuilt (*i.e.*, non-TDMA) portion of its network at least two handsets meeting a U3 or higher interference rating.<sup>3</sup> Based on vendor estimates, Leaco plans to initiate its CDMA overbuild prior to the end of the year and complete the overbuild by March 31, 2006, at which time it will offer at least two HAC compliant handsets on its CDMA network. In the interim, Leaco continues to offer hands-free neck loop accessories to allow for conversation by users with telecoil-compatible hearing aids.

### **III. Hearing Aid Compatible Handset Labeling/Insert Requirement**

None of the handsets that Leaco has available for sale to its subscribers have labels 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**

Leaco 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. In addition, Leaco works with all of its customers to ensure that there are no difficulties with the performance or functionality of the handsets it offers.

Respectfully submitted,

Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Dated: November 17, 2005

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<sup>3</sup> In the Matter of Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones, *Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Conditional Petition for Limited Waiver of Section 20.19(c)(2)(i)(B)(1) of the Commission's Rules*, WT Docket No. 01-309 (September 16, 2005).