

**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**

Mid-Tex Cellular, Ltd. (“Mid-Tex Cellular”), 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 Sixth Report detailing its efforts towards compliance with the FCC’s hearing aid compatibility requirements. Mid-Tex Cellular is including in its Sixth 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 manufacturers.

**I. Carrier Background**

Mid-Tex Cellular is a locally-owned small Commercial Mobile Radio Service (“CMRS”) carrier that provides service to Erath, Comanche, Brown, Mills, Coleman, and Runnels counties in Texas.

**II. Handsets Currently Offered for Sale**

Mid-Tex Cellular currently offers for sale handsets manufactured by Innostream, Motorola, Nokia and Palm. The specific handset models are the Innostream A11; Motorola V3, V60ti (color), V220, V551; Nokia 3220, 3595, 3620, 6010, 6103, 6126, 6170, 6230, 6340 and 6820; and the Palm Treo 600. The Motorola V3 and V220 have been certified by the FCC’s Office of Engineering and Technology as hearing aid compatible (HAC) compliant when operating at 1900 MHz. However, the handsets are not HAC compliant when operating at 850 MHz. Therefore, Mid-Tex Cellular availed itself of the relief afforded to wireless carriers and manufacturers by the Commission in the *GSM Relief Order*.<sup>3</sup> Further, on September 14, 2006,

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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*”).

<sup>3</sup> In the Matter of Section 68.4(a) of the Commission’s Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones, *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, WT Docket No. 01-309 (September 7, 2005) (“*GSM Relief Order*”). The Commission ruled that it would accept until August 1, 2006

Mid-Tex requested a temporary and limited waiver of Section 20.19(d)(2) of the Commission's rules until January 1, 2007 in order to gain more time to acquire and begin selling HAC-compliant handsets. Mid-Tex's January 1, 2007 timetable for compliance is based on its experiences and contacts with manufacturers and distributors and publicly available information regarding handset availability. Mid-Tex Cellular currently offers hands-free neck loop accessories to allow for conversations by users with telecoil-compatible hearing aids who wish to use their handset while operating in the 850 MHz bands.

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

None of the handsets that Mid-Tex Cellular has available for sale to its subscribers have a label 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**

Mid-Tex Cellular offers to its subscribers and the general public current information regarding the HAC functionality of GSM handsets that it offers for sale, including providing customers with a list of hearing aid compatible handsets. In addition, Mid-Tex Cellular has printed fact sheets that answer frequently asked questions and provide consumers with tips on finding a HAC handset that meets their needs. Finally, Mid-Tex Cellular has adopted a flexible no questions asked return policy for consumers seeking to obtain hearing aid compatible GSM digital wireless handsets.

Respectfully submitted,

Mid-Tex Cellular, Ltd.

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