

**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

Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. (“ASTAC”), by its attorneys, pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission” or “FCC”) *Order* in WT Docket No. 01-309,¹ and the subsequent *Public Notice* in the same proceeding,² hereby files its Sixth Report detailing its efforts towards compliance with the FCC’s hearing aid compatibility requirements. ASTAC 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

ASTAC is a small Commercial Mobile Radio Service (“CMRS”) carrier that provides service in rural Alaska.

II. Handsets Currently Offered for Sale

ASTAC currently offers for sale one handset manufactured by Nokia, the 6560. Since ASTAC is only offering for sale one handset, it is exempt from the FCC’s hearing aid compatibility (HAC) requirements pursuant to the *de minimis* exception set forth in Section 20.19(e) of the FCC’s rules. However, ASTAC does offer hands-free neck loop accessories for its handsets to allow for conversation by users with telecoil-compatible hearing aids.

¹ 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*”).

² Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces Hearing Aid Compatibility Reporting Dates for Wireless Carriers and Handset Manufacturers, *Public Notice*, WT Docket No. 01-309 (March 8, 2004) (“*Public Notice*”).

III. Hearing Aid Compatible Handset Labeling/Insert Requirement

The handset that ASTAC has available for sale to its subscribers does not 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

ASTAC is actively educating its subscribers by including billing inserts regarding the unavailability of hearing aid compatible handsets. In addition, ASTAC is committed to working with any hearing impaired individual to ensure that they are satisfied with their service.

Respectfully submitted,
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