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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Southern Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a SouthernLINC Wireless; Status  
Report on Hearing Aid Compatibility; WT Docket No. 01-309

Dear Ms. Dortch:

SouthernLINC Wireless hereby submits its status report on hearing aid compatibility. SouthernLINC Wireless has prepared this report in accordance with information provided by its handset manufacturer, Motorola, Inc.

We trust that the FCC will find this to be in order. Please contact me at the address below or at 678-443-1562 if you have any questions or desire additional information in this matter.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James F. Ucci".

James F. Ucci  
External Affairs Specialist

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## Status Report on Hearing Aid Compatibility

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**Compliant Phone Models:** i560, i580, i670, i760, i833, i850, i870

Phone Model	ANSI C63.19 Rating	Phone Model	ANSI C63.19 Rating
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### **Product Labeling Information:**

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### **Outreach Efforts:**

SouthernLINC Wireless has developed outreach marketing materials for use by its direct sales force and company owned stores. SouthernLINC Wireless also offers a hearing-aid neck loop that, when attached to the handset, allows the handset to function with a hearing aid device.

### **Retail Availability of Compliant Phones:**

The HAC compliant handsets listed above are available at all of SouthernLINC Wireless' company owned retail stores.

### **Efforts to Incorporate Hearing Aid Compatibility into Newer Models:**

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### **Activities Related to ANSI C63.19 or Other Standards Work :**

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### **Total Number of Compliant Phones Offered:**

Based on Motorola tests, SouthernLINC Wireless currently offers 7 handset models that comply with the ANSI.C63.19 Standard

### **Total Number of Non-Compliant Phones Offered:**

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### **Information regarding differences in handset offerings among regions in service areas (For Service Providers only):**

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