

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554**

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| 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 |) | |
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| North Carolina RSA 1 Partnership |) | |
| Petition for Limited Waiver of Section |) | |
| 20.19(d)(2) of the Commission's Rules |) | |

To: The Commission

**NORTH CAROLINA RSA 1 PARTNERSHIP
AMENDMENT TO PETITION FOR LIMITED WAIVER OF SECTION 20.19(d)(2) OF
THE COMMISSION'S RULES**

Pursuant to Sections 1.3 and 1.925 of the Commission's rules, North Carolina RSA 1 Partnership ("NCR1P"), by counsel, hereby amends its waiver of Section 20.19(d)(2) of the Commission's rules filed on September 18, 2006.¹ In its Waiver Petition, NCR1P sought a limited, short-term waiver of Section 20.19(d)(2) of the Commission's rules until the earlier of the date by which NCR1P is able to offer two compliant T4-rated handsets or December 31, 2006. NCR1P is pleased to report that since October 28, 2006, it has been compliant with Section 20.19(d)(2) by offering two handsets that meet the T4 standard. To the extent necessary, NCR1P hereby amends its Waiver Petition to further limit the extent of its requested relief from

¹ See Petition of North Carolina RSA 1 Partnership for Limited Waiver of Section 20.19(d)(2) of the Commission's Rules, WT Docket No. 01-309 (filed Sept. 18, 2006) ("Waiver Petition").

the Commission's inductive coupling ("T-coil") requirements for hearing aid-compatible ("HAC") to the period from September 18, 2006 to October 28, 2006.²

As set forth in the Waiver Petition, because NCR1P is a Tier III carrier, it accounts for such a miniscule number of handset sales and therefore must deal with third party equipment vendors rather than directly with handset manufacturers. The result is that NCR1P has had to wait until the availability of HAC-compliant handsets increases to the point that it will trickle down to such distribution outlets. NCR1P nevertheless worked diligently to come into full compliance with the Commission's rules. Since October 28, 2006, NCR1P has made available to its subscribers two T4-rated handsets (the Motorola V3c and the Samsung SPH-M500). That NCR1P achieved compliance with the requirements of Section 20.19(d)(2) just over one month after the September 18, 2006 deadline and well before December 31, 2006 underscores NCR1P's good-faith efforts and diligence.

² Section 20.19(d)(2) requires that public mobile service providers offer at least two handset models per air interface by September 18, 2006 that meet the FCC's T-coil HAC standard, *i.e.*, T3 or higher, and make available in each retail store owned and operated by the provider all of these handset models for consumers to test in the store. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 20.19(d)(2).

For the reasons set forth herein and in the Waiver Petition, grant of the amended relief requested would be consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Respectfully submitted,

NORTH CAROLINA RSA 1 PARTNERSHIP

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