

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

In the Matter of)	
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Section 68.4(a) of the)	
FCC's Rules Governing)	WT Docket No. 01-309
Hearing Aid Compatible)	
Telephones)	

METROPCS HEARING AID COMPATIBILITY REPORT

MetroPCS Communications, Inc. ("MetroPCS"),¹ files this report on hearing aid compatibility in the above-captioned docket pursuant to the Federal Commission Commission's ("FCC's") March 8, 2004 public notice.² This report is being filed to demonstrate MetroPCS' compliance with Section 20.19 of the FCC's Rules and the FCC order adopting Section 20.19, which deals with the use of digital wireless devices with hearing aids.³

MetroPCS provides wireless broadband personal communications services ("PCS") to over two million subscribers in a number of major metropolitan areas throughout the United States. As applied to non-Tier I wireless carriers such as MetroPCS, Section 20.19(c)(2) of the FCC's Rules required carriers to offer at least two digital handset models by September

¹ For purposes of this report, the term "MetroPCS" refers to the parent company (MetroPCS Communications, Inc.) and all of its FCC-licensed subsidiaries.

² See Public Notice "Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces Hearing Aid Compatibility Reporting Dates for Wireless Carriers and Handset Manufacturers," WT Docket No. 01-309, 19 FCC Red. 4097 (rel. March 8, 2004) ("March 2004 Notice").

³ See In the Matter of Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones, *Report and Order*, 18 FCC Red. 16753 (2003) ("HAC Order"). Due to an administrative oversight, this is MetroPCS' first report demonstrating compliance with Section 20.19. However, MetroPCS has been in compliance with the substantive requirements throughout.

16, 2005 for each “air interface” on which they provide service that comply with the “U3” technical standard for hearing aid compatibility set out in Section 20.19(b)(1) of the FCC’s rules. Section 20.19(d)(2) required carriers to offer at least two handset models by September 18, 2006 that comply with the “inductive coupling” requirements of Section 20.19(b)(2) of the FCC’s Rules. Section 20.19(c)(2)(ii) also contains a separate requirement that at least half of a carrier’s “handset models for each air interface” comply with Section 20.19(b)(1) by February 18, 2008. Finally, Section 20.19 contains labeling and other requirements applicable to hearing aid compatible handsets once they are commercially available.

MetroPCS timely complied with Section 20.19(c)(2) of the FCC’s Rules. As of September 16, 2005, MetroPCS offered four handset models in all of its retail stores which meet or surpassed the relevant “U3” (also known as “M3”) standard: the Samsung n330 (M3); the Motorola V262 (M3); the Motorola V266 (M3); and the Nokia 6015i (M3).

MetroPCS also timely complied with Section 20.19(d)(2) of the FCC’s Rules. By September 18, 2006, MetroPCS offered two “T3” standard compliant handset models in all of its retail stores which met or surpassed the applicable “inductive coupling” requirements set forth in Section 20.19(b)(2) of the FCC’s Rules and as required by Section 20.19(d)(2) of the FCC’s Rules: the Motorola V3c RAZR (M4/T4) and the Nokia 6265i (M3/T4).

MetroPCS' current handset offering includes six handset models in all of its retail stores which meet or surpass the current applicable "inductive coupling" requirements set forth in Section 20.19(b)(2) of the FCC's rules and as required by Section 20.19(d)(2) of the Rules: the Motorola V323i (M4/T4); the Motorola K1m (M4/T4); the Motorola L7c (M4/T4); the Motorola V3m (M4/T4); the Nokia 6265 (M3/T4); and the Samsung a870 (M4/T4) (eight of MetroPCS' handset offerings do not comply with the "T3" standard).

To the best of MetroPCS' knowledge, all of the "U3" and "T3" compliant handsets it offers for sale are properly labeled by their manufacturers and their packaging material includes an appropriate explanation in accordance with Section 20.19(f) of the FCC's Rules. MetroPCS also has provided these handsets for testing in its stores in accordance with Section 20.19(c)(2)(i)(A) and 20.19(d)(2) of the FCC's Rules. Each of these handsets is available in all MetroPCS retail stores, and from MetroPCS' online store. In addition, MetroPCS will offer more models that are compatible with the above requirements as they become commercially available.

MetroPCS is not in a position to provide information under other reporting requests by the FCC for hearing aid compatibility reports, such as digital wireless phones tested, the laboratory used for such tests, and the test results for each phone tested, as only handset manufacturers are in a position to respond to such requests.

As noted above, MetroPCS is in full compliance with the hearing aid compatibility requirements currently applicable to it, and will provide such additional information on its compliance efforts as the Commission may request.

Respectfully submitted,

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