

BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
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Revision of the Commission's Rules to Ensure) CC Docket No. 94-102
Compatibility with Enhanced E911 Emergency)
Calling Systems)

To: The Commission

STATUS REPORT
BLANCA TELEPHONE COMPANY

Blanca Telephone Company, by its attorney, (Reporter), pursuant to the Commission's August 23, 2007, *Order*, DA 07-3719, ¶ 13, hereby submits a status report regarding the 95% location capable handset penetration requirement. In support whereof, the following is respectfully submitted:

(1) The number and status of Phase II requests from PSAPs (including those requests it may consider invalid): Reporter has not received any requests for Phase II location service from any entity.

(2) The dates on which Phase II service has been implemented or will be available to PSAPs served by its network: Reporter will install the necessary system upgrades within 6 months of a *bona fide* PSAP request for Phase II service as required by 47 C.F.R. § 20.18(g)(2).

(3) The status of Blanca's coordination efforts with PSAPs for alternative 95% handset penetration dates: The PSAPs in the rural area served by Reporter are severely limited by budgetary constraints and they are unable even to consider installing the necessary infrastructure needed to process Phase II service information. It appears to

Reporter that the PSAPs do not have an interest in Reporter's effort to reach the 95% subscriber penetration level at this time.

(4) Since the June 2006 subscriber billing cycle Reporter included a bill insert highlighting the benefits of a location capable handset to try to encourage people to upgrade handsets, especially those with digital phones. In March 2007 Reporter sent a letter to each of its subscribers informing them that as of February 18, 2008, i.e., as of the analog service requirement sunset date, Reporter will no longer provide analog service when it completes its transition to a digital-only network. The subscribers were informed that if their analog phones were not replaced they would not be able to make or receive calls. As reported in the May 24, 2007 *Status Report*, Reporter's subscribers have begun to switch to digital service in significant numbers largely to Reporter's decision to discontinue analog service early next year.

(5) The percentage of Blanca's customers with location-capable phones: Reporter's August 1, 2007 *Status Report* informed the Commission that Reporter had achieved the 95% subscriber penetration level. Reporter location capable handset penetration continues to be 95+%.

(6) Detailed discussion about the efforts made to achieve compliance and whether Blanca is on schedule to meet the March 15, 2007, extended 95% penetration deadline: As discussed in the January 31, 2007, *Status Report* Reporter was doubtful that it will achieve the 95% subscriber penetration level by the March 15, 2007 deadline. For months Reporter has been informing its subscribers of the benefits of digital, location-capable handsets via month. Reporter has also informed its analog subscribers that analog service would be terminated as of February 18, 2008. These communications apparently had the desired impact and recently subscribers began switching to location-capable handsets.

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