

Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions

AISP.4-HAC

Consumer-Industry Consensus
Agreement for an Alternative
to the 50% Rule

AISP.4-HAC Members

- American Cellular Corporation
- AT&T
- Brookings Municipal Utilities
d/b/a Swiftel Communications
- Carolina West Wireless
- Corr Wireless
Communications, LLC
- Cricket Communications
- Dobson Cellular Systems Inc.
- Epic Touch
- Hewlett Packard
- Immix Wireless
- Key Communications
- Keystone Wireless
- Kyocera Wireless
- Leap Wireless
- LG
- Motorola, Inc.
- Nokia
- Qwest Wireless
- Research In Motion Ltd.
- Samsung Telecommunications
America LP
- Sprint Nextel
- Sony Ericsson Mobile
Communications (USA) Inc.
- SunCom
- T-Mobile USA
- UTSTARCOM
- Verizon Wireless

Participating Advocates for Consumers with Hearing Loss

- **Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**
 - Gerri Hanna
- **Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)**
 - Brenda Battat
- **Gallaudet University Technology Access Program**
 - Judy Harkins and Linda Kozma-Spytek
- **RERC on Telecommunications Access**
 - Karen Peltz Strauss, Consultant

Why should the FCC change its existing rules?

- Industry cannot comply with the current rule on a technology-neutral basis.
- Need to enhance T-Coil availability for consumers who are most hard of hearing.
- Need to enhance the ability for consumers to benefit from new technology from the “get-go.”
- Need to address volume control.
- The Wireless Industry and Consumers have worked together for a win-win solution.

AISP.4-HAC Consensus Agreement Summary

Consumers and Industry propose:

- Revised minimum number of M phones
- Revised minimum number of T phones
- Industry study of Volume Control in the AISP.4-HAC Incubator
- Revisiting HAC requirements in 2010

Significance of the Consensus Proposal

- The struggle to achieve HAC telephones began in 1973.
- Federal oversight was previously required to achieve any agreement on HAC issues.
- The following represents the first consensus achieved voluntarily between consumers and industry on the wireless HAC issue.