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**FCC SEEKS COMMENT ON PANASONIC CORPORATION OF NORTH AMERICA'S
REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF HEARING AID-COMPATIBILITY AND VOLUME CONTROL
REQUIREMENTS FOR ITS PANASONIC 2.4 GHz FHSS CORDLESS TELEPHONE WITH
BONE CONDUCTION TYPE EAR-PIECE**

CC Docket No. 87-124

Comment date: June 27, 2005

Reply Comment date: July 7, 2005

On April 19, 2005, Panasonic Corporation filed a Request for Waiver with the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") of the hearing aid compatibility and volume control requirements set forth in 47 C.F.R. §§ 68.316 & 68.317 in order to market the Panasonic 2.4 GHz FHSS Cordless Telephone with Bone Conduction Type Ear-Piece, Model KX-TG2388. Panasonic asserts that the non-conforming ear-piece will benefit the special needs of "transmission hearing impaired" persons, *i.e.*, individuals who have loss of hearing in the outer ear that collects incoming sound waves. Panasonic also states that the product would be labeled as non-hearing aid compatible, contain a warning that the phone may not be used in a public location, and provide instructions on how to reduce feedback in a hearing aid caused by the telephone.

Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before June 27, 2005, and reply comments on or before July 7, 2005. All filings must reference **CC Docket No. 87-124**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or

messenger delivery, electronic media, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings or electronic media filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, D.C., 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial and electronic media mail sent by overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD, 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-B204, Washington, D.C., 20554.

Parties who choose to file by paper should also submit their comments on diskette. These diskettes should be submitted, along with three paper copies, to: Arlene Alexander, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Disability Rights Office, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-C418, Washington, D.C., 20554. Such a submission should be on a 3.5 inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible format using Word 97 or compatible software. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter and should be submitted in "read only" mode. The diskette should be clearly labeled with the commenter's name, proceeding (including the lead docket number in this case **(CC Docket No. 87-124)**), type of pleading (comment or reply comment), date of submission, and the name of the electronic file on the diskette. The label should also include the following phrase "Disk Copy - Not an Original." Each diskette should contain only one party's pleadings, preferably in a single electronic file. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing (BCPI), Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room, CY-CB402, Washington, D.C., 20554.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are subject to disclosure.

A copy of this document, Panasonic's Request for Waiver, and any subsequently filed documents in this matter will be available during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C., 20554, (202) 418-0270. This document, Panasonic's Request for Waiver submission and any subsequently filed documents in this matter may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, BCPI, Inc. Customers may contact BCPI, Inc. at their website, www.bcpweb.com, or call 1-800-378-3160. A copy of the submission may also be found by searching on the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs> (insert CC Docket No. 87-124 into the Proceeding block).

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