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Response to question 04/30/03.

"Stellar will not be providing or establishing a permanent telecommunications service. The equipment being deployed will be used for demonstration purposes as well as evaluating the concept. We originally requested 5000 units with the sole intent of demonstrating and evaluating in multiple service areas, however after much discussion it was determined that 175 units could be demonstrated and evaluated just as efficiently and with much lower cost.

Stellar will place the units in independent local exchange carrier towns and cities where members of the Advanced Rural Communications Consortium and Local Exchange Carriers will evaluate and supply feedback to Stellar. Stellar will not charge fees to local exchange carrier end-users and Stellar will maintain control of the operations of the system.

After the initial evaluation period the local exchange carrier or ARCC member will return the equipment to Stellar for demonstration purposes in other areas, with other ARCC members or local exchange carriers. It is also recognized that the equipment being deployed does not comply with unlicensed spectrum power restrictions."

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