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Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW,  
Room TWB-204  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petitions for Protection From Whipsawing on the US-Philippines Route  
(IB Docket No. 03-38)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, February 13, 2003, Jim Talbot and I from AT&T met with Don Abelson, Jackie Ruff, Jim Ball, Claudia Fox, Lisa Choi and Anita Dey from the International Bureau to discuss the above-referenced item. We reviewed the recent unilateral and anti-competitive actions taken by Philippine carriers disabling AT&T service to the Philippines. We highlighted how these actions fit squarely into the FCC's definition of "whipsaw," and the need for the FCC to order all US carriers to stop payments to all Philippine carriers. We reviewed the strong past precedent for such an order, and how this whipsaw also meets the requirements for the Commission to grant a stop payment order as interim relief.

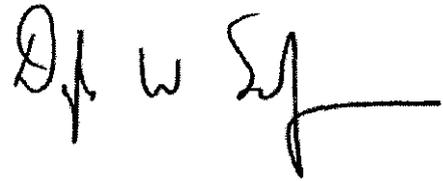
We also reviewed other points set forth in AT&T's Emergency Petition For Settlements Stop Payment Order and Request For Immediate Interim Relief, filed February 7, 2003. We noted that since 1996, FCC policies have resulted in lower US carrier settlement costs of 35 cents per minute, much greater US price reductions of 77 cents per minute, and an almost five-fold increase in US outbound traffic. Also since 1996, US carriers have paid Philippine carriers approximately \$1 billion in settlements payments, and paid Philippine carriers \$190 million in 2001 (as compared to \$164 million in 1996).

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Sincerely,



cc: D. Abelson  
J. Ruff ✓  
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