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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Petitions for Protection From Whipsawing on the U.S.-Philippines Route –
IB Docket No. 03-38

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In its *Philippines Stop-Payment Order*, the International Bureau ordered WorldCom to report on the status of its circuits on the U.S.-Philippines route 15 days after release of the Order.¹ As of today, the status of WorldCom's circuits for exchange of IDDD traffic with its correspondents in the Philippines is as follows:

All WorldCom traffic to PLDT, Smart Communications, Inc., and Globe Telecom, Inc. is currently completing. All WorldCom traffic to Digital Communications Philippines, Inc. ("Digitel") and Bayan Telecommunications Company ("Bayantel") is currently completing. Digitel and Bayantel have never blocked WorldCom's traffic.

WorldCom is currently negotiating with the Filipino carriers in an attempt to finally resolve the dispute that resulted in the *Philippines Non-Payment Order*. Our goal continues to be to resolve the dispute without interrupting phone service for WorldCom's consumers while maintaining low rates. We will keep the Commission updated on the progress of negotiations.

¹ *AT&T Corp. Emergency Petition for Settlements Stop Payment Order and Request for Interim Relief and Petition of WorldCom, Inc. For Prevention of "Whipsawing" on the U.S.-Philippines Route*, IB Docket No. 03-38, Order, DA 03-581 (International Bureau, rel. Mar. 10, 2003) at ¶ 31.

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One electronic copy of this report is being filed with the Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Shefferman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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