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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 03-38
Ex parte

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company, on September 22, 2003, I had a telephone conversation with Donald Abelson, Chief, International Bureau, regarding the status of the above-referenced proceeding.

In the course of that conversation, I stressed the need for the Philippines and U.S. carriers to reach a commercial agreement regarding the service rates applicable for the provision of the direct termination of facilities-based switched voice services, prior to any actions of the Philippines' National Telecommunications Commission or the U.S. FCC.

Sincerely,



Henry Goldberg

cc: Donald Abelson