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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals, 445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 03-38
Ex parte

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company, on September 25, 2003, I had a telephone conversation with Sasha Field of the International Bureau, regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

In the course of that conversation, I stressed the importance of the Philippines and U.S. carriers reaching a commercial termination rates agreement based on ISR, rather than ISP, principles and discussed various approaches for the Philippines' National Telecommunications Commission and the FCC to permit this in a timely manner. One suggestion was for the Philippines and US carriers to reach an interim agreement. The NTC and FCC would suspend their respective March Orders, which would permit the resumption of direct service and payment for such service, as well as back payments for prior service. Once service and payments had been resumed for a reasonable time, both agencies would vacate their March Orders as moot and the Philippines carriers would withdraw their applications for review of the FCC's Order.

If there are any questions in this regard, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Henry Goldberg
Attorney for Philippine Long
Distance Telephone Company

cc: Sasha Field