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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 Nos. 02-324, 96-261
Ex Parte

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company ("PLDT"), on October 7, 2004, the undersigned spoke by telephone with James Ball, chief of the International Bureau's Policy Division, regarding lifting the International Settlements Policy ("ISP") from the U.S.-Philippines route and the effect of the filings International Access Inc. d/b/a Access International ("Access") on that ISP decision. The undersigned repeated the PLDT position set out fully in the comments and reply comments of PLDT with respect to Access and urged the expeditious removal of ISP from the U.S.-Philippines route, notwithstanding the Access filings.

The undersigned pointed out that Access had made charges that are irrelevant to the factors that the FCC considers in deciding whether to lift ISP and that the public interest benefits of lifting ISP far outweigh the unsubstantiated concerns raised in Access' filings.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Attorney for Philippine Long
Distance Telephone Company

cc: James Ball