



Federal Communications Commission  
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February 23, 2005

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Re: Request for further information regarding IB Dockets 03-38, 02-324, 96-261.

Dear Mr. Brecher:

This is an information request regarding various filings by International Access, Inc. d/b/a Access International ("Access") in response to Public Notice DA 04-2832 which sought comment on routes believed to be eligible for exemption from the Commission's International Settlements Policy ("ISP"). Additional information is necessary in order for the Bureau to complete its analysis and make the necessary public interest findings regarding removal of the ISP from the U.S.-Philippines route. Accordingly, pursuant to sections 214 and 308(b) of the Act<sup>1</sup> and section 63.18 of the Commission's rules,<sup>2</sup> please provide written responses and supporting documentation for the questions set forth below.

1. Since March 2003, has Access entered into a settlement arrangement with the Philippines Long Distance Telephone Company ("PLDT")? If so, is this arrangement an interim arrangement?
2. Since March 2003, has PLDT or any Philippine carrier ever demanded a rate that is above the current benchmark rate (\$0.19) for the U.S.-Philippine route?
3. How many minutes of traffic did Access and its affiliates terminate in the Philippines in 2003? in 2004?
4. In its Reply Comments (filed July 13, 2004 page 6) PLDT references a "several-year old contract dispute between PLDT and Access." Does such a dispute exist and if so, what is the nature of this dispute? Has it been resolved? If not, will the Commission's decision regarding the removal of the ISP from the U.S.-Philippines route have any bearing on the resolution of this dispute?
5. Has Access responded to the letter (submitted as Attachment B to Access Comments) sent from PLDT to Access, offering to enter into agreements similar to those reached by other U.S. carriers for termination on the U.S. Philippines route?

<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. §§ 214, 308(b); *see also* 47 C.F.R. § 1.65.

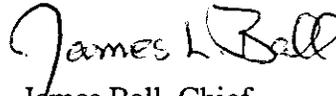
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6. If the Commission were to maintain the ISP on the U.S.-Philippines route would competition be enhanced among U.S. and Philippine carriers in a manner that would benefit U.S. consumers? Would it be possible that U.S. carrier's termination costs would increase beyond the currently negotiated rates?

Your responses should be filed with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission and should reference IB Docket Nos. 03-38, 02-324, and 96-61. Please also file courtesy copies of your response by email with Kimberly Cook ([kimberly.cook@fcc.gov](mailto:kimberly.cook@fcc.gov)), Mark Uretsky ([mark.uretsky@fcc.gov](mailto:mark.uretsky@fcc.gov)) and Claudia Fox ([claudia.fox@fcc.gov](mailto:claudia.fox@fcc.gov)).

We would appreciate receiving your response no later than March 11, 2005.

Sincerely,



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Re: Request for further information regarding IB Dockets 03-38, 02-324, 96-261.

Dear Mr. Talbot:

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This is an information request regarding your letter of September 24, 2004 certifying that AT&T has negotiated current rates at or below the relevant benchmarks on several routes, including the U.S.-Philippines route. Additional information is necessary for the Bureau to complete its analysis and make the necessary public interest findings regarding removal of the International Settlements Policy (ISP) from the U.S.-Philippines route. Accordingly, pursuant to sections 214 and 308(b) of the Act<sup>1</sup> and section 63.18 of the Commission's rules,<sup>2</sup> please provide written responses and supporting documentation for the questions set forth below.

1. Since March 2003, has AT&T reached a final settlement arrangement for termination of telecommunications traffic with the Philippines Long Distance Telephone Company ("PLDT")? How long has the current arrangement been in effect? Is there an agreement as to how long the current arrangement will remain in effect?
2. If not, is AT&T actively engaged in reaching such a final settlement arrangement with a Philippine carrier? If so, what is the progress of those negotiations? When does AT&T expect to complete negotiations? Is the current settlement arrangement subject to retroactive modification when AT&T reaches a final settlement arrangement with PLDT?

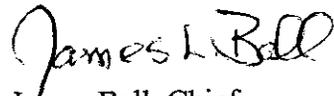
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Re: Request for further information regarding IB Dockets 03-38, 02-324, 96-261.

Dear Mr. Nall:

This is an information request regarding your letter of September 28, 2004 certifying that Sprint has negotiated current rates at or below the relevant benchmarks on several routes, including the U.S.-Philippines route. Additional information is necessary for the Bureau to complete its analysis and make the necessary public interest findings regarding removal of the International Settlements Policy (ISP) from the U.S.-Philippines route. Accordingly, pursuant to sections 214 and 308(b) of the Act<sup>1</sup> and section 63.18 of the Commission's rules,<sup>2</sup> please provide written responses and supporting documentation for the questions set forth below.

1. Since March 2003, has Sprint reached a final settlement arrangement for termination of telecommunications traffic with the Philippines Long Distance Telephone Company ("PLDT")? How long has the current arrangement been in effect? Is there an agreement as to how long the current arrangement will remain in effect?
2. If not, is Sprint actively engaged in reaching such a final settlement arrangement with a Philippine carrier? If so, what is the progress of those negotiations? When does Sprint expect to complete negotiations? Is the current settlement arrangement subject to retroactive modification when Sprint reaches a final settlement arrangement with PLDT?

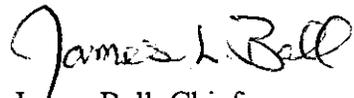
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Re: Request for further information regarding IB Dockets 03-38, 02-324, 96-261.

Dear Ms. Field:

This is an information request regarding your letter of September 29, 2004 certifying that MCI has negotiated current rates at or below the relevant benchmarks on several routes, including the U.S.-Philippines route. Additional information is necessary for the Bureau to complete its analysis and make the necessary public interest findings regarding removal of the International Settlements Policy (ISP) from the U.S.-Philippines route. Accordingly, pursuant to sections 214 and 308(b) of the Act<sup>1</sup> and section 63.18 of the Commission's rules,<sup>2</sup> please provide written responses and supporting documentation for the questions set forth below.

1. Since March 2003, has MCI reached a final settlement arrangement for termination of telecommunications traffic with the Philippines Long Distance Telephone Company ("PLDT")? How long has the current arrangement been in effect? Is there an agreement as to how long the current arrangement will remain in effect?
2. If not, is MCI actively engaged in reaching such a final settlement arrangement with a Philippine carrier? If so, what is the progress of those negotiations? When does MCI expect to complete negotiations? Is the current settlement arrangement subject to retroactive modification when MCI reaches a final settlement arrangement with PLDT?

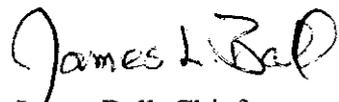
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