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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C.

Re: NTT DoCoMo's Application – WT Docket 06-96/DA No. 06-947

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am the Chairman of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Commission (CTC), which regulates telecommunications here in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and I am writing in support of your Commission's approval of NTT DoCoMo's proposed acquisition of Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. and Guam Wireless Telephone Company, L.L.C.

NTT DoCoMo is, of course, a well-known mobile phone business in Japan. It would not be the first offshore investor to buy a telecommunications firm here in the CNMI. Both your Commission and the CTC recently approved a Philippines company's (PTI) acquisition of our LEC and related infrastructure from Verizon.

I consider the CNMI telecommunications industry to be a key infrastructure driver of the CNMI's economic growth. Healthy competition is central to our economic growth. I hope that NTT DoCoMo will play an important role in the growth of our telecommunications market with its technological expertise and track record. Robust competition, with competitively priced services, will encourage fair dealing by all providers and should accelerate the penetration of better services and products into our market.

Importantly, NTT DoCoMo's involvement in our community will enhance our principal industry, tourism. Our core visitor group has been the Japanese, who make up roughly two-thirds of our tourists. Many of them will feel more comfortable here with access to many of the services they presently receive at home.

I look forward to the entry of this new competitor and its ties to a major group of CNMI guests. Please place this letter in the record of the above-mentioned docket.

Sincerely,

J. Michael Fitzgerald
Chairman

cc: Commissioners
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