

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CO
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of August 2010

Commission File Number 1-03006

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Ramon Cojuangco Building

Makati Avenue

Makati City

Philippines

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F Form 40-F

(Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes No

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-
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NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some information in this report may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current beliefs, expectations and intentions as to facts, actions and events that will or may occur in the future. Such statements generally are identified by forward-looking words such as believe, plan, anticipate, continue, estimate, expect, may, will or other similar words.

A forward-looking statement may include a statement of the assumptions or bases underlying the forward-looking statement. We have chosen these assumptions or bases in good faith. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, some of which are beyond our control. In addition, these forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are not a guarantee of future performance. Actual results may differ materially from information contained in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including, without limitation, the risk factors set forth in Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors in our annual report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. You should also keep in mind that any forward-looking statement made by us in this report or elsewhere speaks only as at the date on which we made it. New risks and uncertainties come up from time to time, and it is impossible for us to predict these events or how they may affect us. We have no duty to, and do not intend to, update or revise the statements in this report after the date hereof. In light of these risks and uncertainties, you should keep in mind that actual results may differ materially from any forward-looking statement made in this report or elsewhere.

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Copies of the disclosure letters that we filed today with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Philippine Stock Exchange regarding the following matters:

Press release regarding the Company's unaudited consolidated financial results for the six (6) months ended June 30, 2010;

1	a. Mr. Oscar S. Reyes ceased to qualify as an independent director but shall remain to be a member of the Board as a regular director;	11
	b. Amendments to the By-Laws of the Company; and	
2	c. Cash dividend declaration on the Company's Common Stock, Series IV Cumulative Non-Convertible Redeemable Preferred Stock and Series B, F, Q, V and Z 10% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock.	19

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August 3, 2010

Philippine Stock Exchange

3/F Philippine Stock Exchange Plaza

Ayala Triangle, Ayala Avenue

Makati City

Attention: Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion

Head Disclosure Dept.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 17.1 (b) and Section 17.3 of the Securities Regulation Code, we submit herewith a copy of SEC Form 17-C with a press release attached thereto regarding the Company's unaudited consolidated financial results for the six (6) months ended June 30, 2010.

This shall also serve as the disclosure letter for the purpose of complying with PSE Revised Disclosure Rules.

Very truly yours,

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY

/s/ Ma. Lourdes C. Rausa-Chan

MA. LOURDES C. RAUSA-CHAN

Corporate Secretary

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August 3, 2010

Securities & Exchange Commission

SEC Building, EDSA

Mandaluyong City

Attention: Director Justina F. Callangan

Corporation Finance Department

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 17.1 (b) of Securities Regulation Code and SRC Rule 17.1, we submit herewith two (2) copies of SEC Form 17-C with a press release attached thereto regarding the Company's unaudited consolidated financial results for the six (6) months ended June 30, 2010.

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/s/ Ma. Lourdes C. Rausa-Chan

MA. LOURDES C. RAUSA-CHAN

Corporate Secretary

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PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE

TELEPHONE COMPANY

(Company's Full Name)

RAMON C OJUAN GCO BLDG.

MAKATI AVE. MAKATI CITY

(Business Address: No. Street City/Town/Province)

MS. JUNE CHERYL A. CABAL	816-8534
Contact Person	Company Telephone Number

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	Total Amount of Borrowings	
2,183,041	N/A	
As of June 30, 2010	N/A	
	Total No. of Stockholders	Domestic Foreign

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17
OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE
AND SRC RULE 17.1

1. 3 August 2010

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

2. SEC Identification Number PW-55

3. BIR Tax Identification No. 000-488-793

4. PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY

Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter

5. PHILIPPINES 6. _____ (SEC Use Only)

Province, country or other jurisdiction Industry Classification Code
of Incorporation

7. Ramon Cojuangco Building, Makati Avenue, Makati City 1200

Address of principal office Postal Code

8. (632) 816-8405

Issuer's telephone number, including area code

9. Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the Securities Regulation Code and Sections 4 and 8 of the Revised Securities Act

Title of Each Class	Number of Shares of Common Stock
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	Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding
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PLDT pressrelease

FIRST HALF 2010 CONSOLIDATED NET INCOME UP 10% TO P21.7 BILLION

CORE NET INCOME UP 2% TO P21.2 BILLION

EBITDA AT P43.3 BILLION;

CELLULAR SUBSCRIBER BASE REACHES 45.3 MILLION, UP 18%

TOTAL BROADBAND SUBSCRIBERS NEARS 2 MILLION, UP 21%

CORE EPS AT P112.39, INTERIM REGULAR DIVIDEND OF P78 PER SHARE DECLARED

- Consolidated net income of P21.7 billion for 1H2010, 10% higher than the P19.7 billion net income reported in 1H2009
- Consolidated core net income for 1H2010 at P21.2 billion, an increase of 2% from the P20.8 billion recorded in 1H2009
- Consolidated service revenues declined 1% year-on-year to P72.2 billion. Wireless service revenues stable at P47.9 billion; fixed line service revenues down 1% to P25.2 billion; and ePLDT service revenues improve 1% to P5.3 billion
- Consolidated EBITDA slightly lower at P43.3 billion; consolidated EBITDA margin at 60% of service revenues, similar to the margin last year
- Cellular subscriber base reaches 45.3 million; net subscriber additions of 4 million for the first half, 22% higher year-on-year
- Total broadband subscribers at 1.96 million, with wireless alone over 1.32 million; aggregate revenue contribution from broadband and internet services of P8.0 billion for 1H2010, 21% higher than last year
- Core EPS at P112.39; interim regular dividend of P78 per share declared

MANILA, Philippines, 3rd August 2010 Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT) (PSE: TEL) (NYSE: PHI) today announced its unaudited financial and operating results for the first six (6) months of 2010 with consolidated Reported Net Income increasing by 10% to P21.7 billion, from the P19.7 billion recorded in the same

period last year. Core Net Income for the first half of 2010, net of exceptional items, rose 2% to P21.2 billion, from P20.8 billion in the same period in 2009. This year's results reflect higher recurring net income and a net gain from foreign exchange revaluation of our financial assets and liabilities and derivatives compared to a net loss last year.

Consolidated service revenues decreased by 1% to P72.2 billion, as voice revenues grew 3% and broadband/internet and corporate data revenues rose 21%. These revenue improvements were partially offset, however, by a 5% decline in data and ICT revenues, largely as a result of the 13% decline in cellular data/SMS revenues. Approximately 28% of consolidated service revenues remain directly or indirectly linked to the US Dollar. Had the peso remained stable, service revenues for the first half of 2010 would have stayed at last year's levels.

Consolidated EBITDA was lower at P43.3 billion while EBITDA margin was at 60%, similar to the margin for the same period last year and slightly up over the full year 2009 margin of 59%.

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Consolidated free cash flow remained strong at P19.4 billion for the period while consolidated capital expenditures stood at P9.7 billion for the first six months of 2010, as the Group continues to work on network modernization and re-architecture. Capex for 2010 is estimated at P28.6 billion.

The Group's consolidated debt balance as at the end of the first half 2010 stood at US Dollars 2.1 billion with net debt at approximately US Dollars 1.5 billion. Net debt to EBITDA increased to 0.8x. The Company's debt maturities continue to be well spread out, with almost 60% due in and after 2013. The percentage of US Dollar-denominated debt to the Group's total debt portfolio was at 49%, slightly up from 48% at the end of 2009. Taking into account our peso borrowings, our hedges and our U. S. Dollar cash holdings, only 23% of total debt remains unhedged. The Group's cash and short-term securities are invested primarily in bank placements and Government securities.

Earlier today, the Company's Board of Directors declared an interim dividend of P78 per share, fulfilling the Company's commitment to pay out a minimum ratio of 70% of consolidated core earnings. The cash dividend will be payable to holders of PLDT common stock as of 19th August 2010, with payment due on 21st September 2010.

Consistent with our dividend policy and enabled by our robust cash flow, we are pleased to declare an interim dividend of P78 per share, stated Manuel V. Pangilinan, PLDT Chairman.

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Wireless: Surging ahead in Broadband

Wireless service revenues were stable at P47.9 billion for the first half of 2010, compared with the same period last year. Excluding the impact of our satellite operations where revenues declined due to the disposal of our satellite transponders, wireless service revenues would have been flat year-on-year at P47.3 billion. Cellular subsidiary Smart Communications, Inc. (Smart) continues to lead the industry in terms of share of both industry-wide revenues and subscribers.

Wireless EBITDA was marginally lower at P29.7 billion in the first six months of 2010 with EBITDA margin at 62%, similar to that for the full year 2009.

The PLDT Group's total cellular subscriber base for the first six (6) months of 2010 grew to 45.3 million subscribers, an 18% growth year-on-year. Smart added 4.0 million subscribers for the period, compared with 3.3 million in 2009. Smart Buddy recorded net additions of almost 2.0 million subscribers to end the half-year with 26.2 million subscribers while Talk N Text added approximately 958,000 subscribers to end the half with 18.0 million subscribers. Red Mobile, the brand owned by Smart subsidiary, CURE, had about 1.1 million subscribers at the end of June 2010. Red Mobile was relaunched in March 2010 and positioned to meet market demand for unlimited services, particularly for second SIM holders. In order to support the traffic requirements for unlimited voice and text without degrading the service quality of other subscribers, Smart built a secondary network that caters to unlimited voice service offerings. The Red Mobile subscriber base is expected to grow even further. Beginning July 2010, Red Mobile subscribers can make unlimited calls to all other subscribers in the Smart network.

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Cellular voice revenues improved by 15% to P21.8 billion and now contribute 50% of total cellular service revenues from 43% for the same period last year. On the other hand, cellular data/text revenues fell 14% to P20.9 billion, despite a 27% increase in text volumes, as they remain under pressure from the proliferation of lower yield offerings, multiple-SIM ownership and regulator-mandated load validity extensions.

On the broadband front, SmartBro, Smart's wireless broadband service offered through its wholly-owned subsidiary Smart Broadband, Inc. (SBI) continued to expand as its wireless broadband subscriber base grew to 1.3 million at the end of June 2010, close to 870,000 of whom were on SmartBro's prepaid service. Wireless broadband revenues continued to grow strongly, up 26% to P3.4 billion, compared with the P2.7 billion recorded in the first half of 2009. Wireless broadband revenues now comprise 7% of wireless service revenues.

Wireless broadband continues to be a strong engine for growth and viability. Meanwhile, we have been re-architecting to be a truly smart pipe, ready for the next big wave when mobile broadband devices, applications, multimedia platforms, and the cloud environment fuse together explosively down at the mass-market level, stated Orlando B. Vea, Chief Wireless Adviser of Smart.

We continue to grapple with the changing dynamics in the industry—the popularity of unlimited service offerings, the resurgence of voice and the growing assortment of alternative means of communication. We are looking to meet these challenges from all angles—whether it be through reconfiguring our networks, retooling our products and even

re-assessing our business models," added Napoleon L. Nazareno, President and CEO of PLDT and Smart.

Smart continues to invest in its cellular and multi-platform broadband networks while upgrading its existing transmission, core and access facilities. Smart's 3G and HSPA networks now cover 50% and 44% of the country's population, respectively.

PLDT Fixed Line: Holding Steady

Fixed line service revenues declined slightly by 1% to P25.2 billion in the first half of 2010 from P25.4 billion in the same period in 2009 as the 11% increase in data revenues, both from corporate data and residential DSL services, was offset by declines in other segments of the business. Despite an increase in the number of postpaid billed lines, revenues from our local exchange, or LEC, services were lower as a result of LEC voice revenues being re-allocated to bundled voice and data services. National long distance revenues continued to decrease with the reduction in call volumes, while international long distance revenues weakened further due to the decrease in the average settlement rate for inbound calls, as well as the impact of the peso appreciation vis-à-vis the US Dollar. Data service revenues contributed 46% of the fixed line's service revenues compared with 41% in the same period last year.

The fixed line business continues to pursue initiatives aimed at tapping new markets and generating new and higher ARPUs. These were enabled by leveraging both the fixed and wireless networks and creating new products for different market segments.

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PLDT DSL continued its strong performance as broadband subscribers grew close to 50,000 to 609,000 at the end of June 2010 from 560,000 at the end of 2009. PLDT DSL generated P4.1 billion in revenues in 2010, up 22% from the P3.3 billion in the same period in 2009.

Fixed line EBITDA margin was at 50% in the first half of 2010, slightly higher than the full year 2009 margin of 49%, but lower compared with 52% in the same period last year. The decline was the result of higher cash operating expenses, mainly relating to professional and other contracted services, and maintenance expenses.

"Our goal for the fixed line business is to sustain its resilient performance by building on the continued strength of our corporate data and broadband revenues while managing the downward trend of our national and international toll businesses," declared Nazareno.

ePLDT: Positioning for Growth

ePLDT, the Group's information and communications technology arm, reported service revenues of P5.3 billion in the first half of 2010, an increase of 1% from P5.2 billion in the same period in 2009. ePLDT's EBITDA increased by 48% to P756 million in the first half of 2010 compared with P511 million in the same period in 2009, mainly due to a 1% increase in service revenues and a 4% decrease in cash operating expenses, largely due to lower headcount and compensation. EBITDA margin at 14% was higher than the 10% recorded in the same period in 2009 and the 12% margin for the year 2009. ePLDT's revenues account for 7% of PLDT's consolidated revenues.

Earlier this year, ePLDT reorganized its businesses to create better focus and maximize scale. ePLDT Ventus, which handles customer interaction services (more commonly known as call center) and SPi Technologies, Inc., the knowledge processing arm (also known as business process outsourcing or BPO) have combined their operations and will be known as SPi Global Solutions, Inc. while Vitro Data Center and internet and online gaming operations will remain housed under ePLDT.

With the re-organization of ePLDT into separate entities as previously announced, we expect their separate and stand-alone senior management teams to focus on their core areas for growth. SPi Global Holdings have set their sights on creating end-to-end BPO solutions for clients through consolidation, thus, accelerating growth across all three verticals: call center, healthcare and content solutions, stated Nazareno.

Meralco: Improving Prospects

Our first half financial results reflect the equity accounting of our share in the earnings of Manila Electric Company (Meralco) through PLDT Communications and Energy Ventures, Inc (PCEV), formerly Pilipino Telephone Corporation. PCEV 's income is derived mainly from its direct equity share in the net income of Meralco and its holdings in Beacon Electric Asset Holdings, Inc. (Beacon Electric). PCEV owns 50% of Beacon Electric, a special purpose company jointly owned by PCEV and Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC) whose sole purpose is to hold shares in Meralco,

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which presently amount to 392.5 million shares, equivalent to 34.8% of Meralco's outstanding common shares. PCEV's direct holdings in Meralco consist of 68.8 million Meralco common shares (approximately 6% interest) retained by PCEV after the transfer of its 154.2 million shares to Beacon Electric in March 2010. PCEV acquired its original 20% investment in Meralco in July 2009.

Meralco's consolidated Reported Net Income for the first half of 2010 increased to 4.8 billion, 51% higher than the 3.2 billion realized for the same period in 2009. Consolidated Core Net Income, which excludes one-time, exceptional charges, stood at 5.8 billion, which was 82% better than the Consolidated Core Net Income in 2009 of 3.2 billion. The improvements reflect the significantly higher volume of energy sold with the surge in demand from all customer classes, led by the industrial sector. Also contributing to this improvement was the higher average distribution rate for the period. The rate adjustment in May 2009 was Meralco's first rate adjustment since 2003.

Meralco's consolidated revenues, in which electricity sales account for approximately 98% of the total, increased by 35% to 127.5 billion. Approximately 40% of the total increase in consolidated electricity revenues is accounted for by the 14% growth in kilowatt-hours sold while 46% is due to higher average purchased power and transmission pass-through costs. The first half of 2010 also saw improved average distribution rates.

Total cost and expenses amounted to 120.3 billion in the first six months of 2010, 34% higher compared with 89.7 billion for the same period in 2009. Cost of purchased power accounted for 87% of total cost and expenses in 2010, compared with 85% in 2009.

In its meeting held last 26th July 2010, Meralco's board of directors declared an interim cash dividend of 2.50 per common share to all shareholders of record as of 23rd August 2010, payable on 16th September 2010. The interim dividend represents approximately 50% of Meralco's core earnings per share for the period.

Conclusion

With first half results being encouraging, core profit guidance for 2010 is in excess of P41.0 billion and capital investments should remain at 28.6 billion. While we believe that there is still room for growth in the broadband space, we do recognize that our core markets are maturing. We are, therefore, looking to move beyond the verticality of the

traditional telco business model as we lay the groundwork for a more horizontal perspective via our strategic platform and infrastructure investments,, concluded Manuel V. Pangilinan, PLDT Chairman.

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This press release may contain some statements which constitute forward-looking statements that are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could affect PLDT's business and results of operations. Although PLDT believes that expectations reflected in any forward-looking statements are reasonable, it can give no guarantee of future performance, action or events.

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About PLDT

PLDT is the leading telecommunications provider in the Philippines. Through its three principal business groups – fixed line, wireless, and information and communications technology – PLDT offers a wide range of telecommunications services across the Philippines – most extensive fiber optic backbone and fixed line, cellular and satellite network.

PLDT is listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE:TEL) and its American Depositary Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE:PHI). PLDT has one of the largest market capitalizations among Philippine listed companies.

Further information can be obtained by visiting the web at www.pldt.com.ph.

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August 3, 2010

Philippine Stock Exchange

3/F Philippine Stock Exchange Plaza

Ayala Triangle, Ayala Avenue

Makati City

Attention: Ms. Janet A. Encarnacion

Head, Disclosure Department

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Corporate Secretary

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August 3, 2010

SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Corporation Finance Department

SEC Building, EDSA

Mandaluyong City

Attention: Director Justina F. Callangan

Corporation Finance Department

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