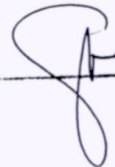


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO REVIEW THE EXISTING RADIO FREQUENCY ALLOCATION POLICY AND TO DETERMINE THE REMAINING UNCOMMITTED RADIO FREQUENCIES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ITS POSSIBLE REDISTRIBUTION TO QUALIFIED LICENCEES

1 WHEREAS, the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) pursuant to
2 Republic Act No. 3846, as amended, is mandated to ensure that the regulation,
3 supervision and control of all communications, telecommunications and broadcast,
4 including cable television facilities and services meet the requirements and standards
5 set by the International Telecommunications Union;

6 WHEREAS, the NTC assigns specific frequencies within the allocated blocks to
7 different licensees who will use the assigned frequencies to provide designated
8 services, in exchange for paying the spectrum user fee;

9 WHEREAS, the radio frequency spectrum is a scarce public resource allocated
10 by the government to service providers who will use it efficiently and effectively
11 to meet public demand for telecommunications service and who may avail of new
12 and cost effective technologies in the utilization of methods for its operation;

13 WHEREAS, the 700 MHz band is specially configured for deploying mobile
14 broadband technologies which allows networks to penetrate buildings and walls and

1 to cover larger geographic areas with less infrastructure compared to the 1900-Mhz
2 or 2100-Mhz setup currently being used;

3 WHEREAS, the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT) and
4 Globe Telecom, Inc. (Globe) presently dominate the Philippine telecommunications
5 industry;

6 WHEREAS, the NTC said in June 2019 that 30.32% of frequencies is owned
7 by PLDT, 24.9% is owned by Globe, 39.35% is unassigned or under litigation, with
8 about 5.41% still remaining;

9 WHEREAS, Dito Telecommunity Corp., formerly known as Mislattel Consortium,
10 the country's third mobile player, will begin commercial operations next year and
11 would initially focus on 4G;

12 WHEREAS, the consortium received radio frequency bands of 700 megahertz
13 (MHz), 2100 MHz, 2000 MHz, 2.5 gigahertz (GHz), 3.3 GHz, and 3.5 GHz;

14 WHEREAS, of the nearly 800 mobile operators in the world, the average
15 number of players in countries under the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and
16 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development range from three (3) to
17 four (4) players;

18 WHEREAS, the inquiry should look into the available radio frequencies since
19 the amount of spectrum assigned to a telecommunications provider will impact on
20 the cost of the build capacity, overall network performance, ability to offer new
21 multimedia services, and general customer experience of wireless services: Now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, To direct the appropriate
24 Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, to review the existing
25 radio frequency allocation policy and to determine the remaining uncommitted radio
26 frequencies, with the end in view of its possible redistribution to qualified licensees.

Adopted,

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