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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Philippine Telegraph and Telephone Corporation has had a long history of engagement in providing telegraph and telephone communications since 1966 when it was first granted its National Legislative Franchise.

In 1989, PT&T became a publicly listed entity in compliance with the constitutional mandate of democratizing ownership of all public utilities.

From a leadership role in providing public telegraphy, telex, data communications, leased circuits and long distance voice services, PT&T has also participated in the service area scheme (SAS) program of the government in the mid-1990 by accepting the responsibility of rendering competitive local exchange carrier operations in Region 4A.

The evolution of Cellular Mobile Telecom System (CMTS) has greatly transformed the development of telephony from wireline dependency to wireless mobile communications; thus, PT&T towards the latter part of the 20th century has shifted its focus in the emerging market of Internet Protocol (IP)-based global communications being embraced by the public.

In order to pursue this goal of providing IP-based communications, PT&T, using latest state-of-the-art technology, is seeking the extension of its franchise for another twenty-five (25) years.

In the light of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT EXTENDING THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE
PHILIPPINE TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CORPORATION (PT&T)
TO ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE WIRE AND/OR WIRELESS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, LINES, CIRCUITS AND STATIONS
THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES FOR PUBLIC DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNICATIONS UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4161, AS AMENDED BY
REPUBLIC ACTS NOS. 5048 AND 6970, TO ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS
FROM THE DATE OF THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. The life of the franchise of the Philippine Telegraph and Telephone Corporation under Republic Act No. 4161, as amended by Republic Acts Nos. 5048 and 6970, is hereby renewed to another twenty-five (25) years from the date of the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 2. All other provisions, terms and conditions contained in Republic Act No. 4161, as amended by Republic Acts Nos. 5048 and 6970, which are, otherwise, not affected are hereby made integral parts of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulations approved.

Approved,