

PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CO

Form 6-K

March 18, 2009

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

Form 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

March 18, 2009

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Ramon Cojuangco Building
Makati Avenue, Makati City
Philippines

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F: ☒ Form 20-F ☐ Form 40-F

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acquisition of PLDT common shares by the Company pursuant to its Share Buyback Program that was approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on January 29, August 5, and December 9, 2008

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company

Date: 03/18/2009

By: Ma. Lourdes C. Rausa-Chan

Name: Ma. Lourdes C. Rausa-Chan

Title: SVP and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99	Copy of the disclosure letter we sent to the Philippine Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding the acquisition of PLDT common shares by the Company pursuant to its Share Buyback Program that was approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on January 29, August 5, and December 9, 2008
