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In the Procurement Appeal of	)	<b>DOCKET NO. OPA-PA-14-006</b>
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Pacific Data Systems, Inc. (PDS),	)	<b>REPLY TO OPPOSITION</b>
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_____ Appellant.	)	

Appellant Pacific Data Systems (PDS) does not deny that IFB GSA-064-11 remains in the appeal process. In fact PDS admits that the OPA’s Decision in OPA-PA-12-16, specifically dealing with telephones and telephone services is before the Supreme Court.

PDS now request the OPA to interpret 2 GAR Div. 4 §12103(b) narrowly and to permit their appeal to move forward notwithstanding the plain language of the law.

“In cases involving statutory construction, the plain language of a statute must be the starting point.” *Pangelinan v. Gutierrez*, 2000 Guam 11, ¶ 23. A plain reading of the above provision indicates that the OPA should decline the appeal “[I]f an action concerning the procurement under Appeal has commenced in Court...” Procurement for the Government of Guam is defined under 5 GCA §5030(o):

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“Procurement means buying, purchasing, renting, leasing or otherwise acquiring any supplies, services or construction. It also includes all functions that pertain to the obtaining of any supply, service or construction, including description of requirements, selection and solicitation of sources, preparation and award of contract, **and all phases of contract administration.**” (Emphasis added)

The focus of the appeal before the OPA involves one of the contract administration phases of IFB GSA-064-11. It is without question that the OPA should decline this Appeal until the such a time that all court proceeding have come to a final resolution.

Respectively submitted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

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