

November 15, 2006

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By U.S. Mail and facsimile to (787)265-3200

Mr. Freddy Maldonado
President and Chief Investment Officer
W Holding Company, Inc.
19 West McKinley Street
Mayaguez, Puerto Rico 00681

Re: **W Holding Company, Inc.**
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005
Filed April 24, 2006
File No. 001-16799

Dear Mr. Maldonado:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

John P. Nolan
Accounting Branch Chief