January, 2017

The Commission Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Aloha FCC Commissioners,

Subject: Response to FCC orders on Sandwich Isles Communications, WC Docket no. 10-90

I am writing because I have learned the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has threatened to make it impossible for Sandwich Isles Communications (SIC) to continue providing telephone service to homesteaders. SIC has built telephone infrastructure for all homestead areas, even those places that were by passed by the dominant telephone provider, Hawaiian Tel. SIC's service is critical to our island of Molokai. In addition SIC has saved the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL) over $100 million by taking on the expense and risk of building the telecommunications infrastructure. In the past DHHL had to use trust funds to put in the infrastructure. As a homesteader, I appreciate that DHHL can focus its resources on its main mission of providing housing and/or for homestead lots, so that more native Hawaiians can live in their own homes. SIC should be allowed to continue providing this critical service.

Mahalo,

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