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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. 16-405

More than 20 years ago, the Hawaii State Department of Hawaiian Home Lands sought a private-public partnership in which a private company would build the telecommunications network for its residents at no cost to the Department or its residents in remote rural areas. Sandwich Isles Communications (SIC) built the telecommunications infrastructure so that the unserved and the underserved residents of Hawaiian Home Lands could have access to state-of-the art telecommunications services. We support SIC as it has helped native Hawaiians to take advantage of educational and job opportunities and to improve their health, safety, and economic well-being.

Mahalo,

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