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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: WC Docket Nos. 09-133 and 10-90

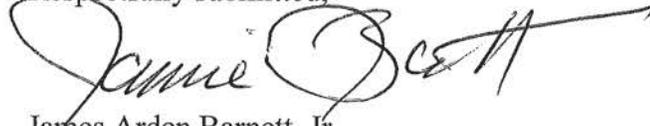
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, December 14, 2015, James Arden Barnett, Jr. and Ian Volner of this firm and Gerard J. Duffy of the law firm of Blooston, Mordkofsky, Dickens, Duffy and Prendergast, LLP, met on behalf of Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. ("SIC") with Suzanne Tetreault, Deputy General Counsel, James Bird, Senior Counsel and Rick Mallen, Attorney Advisor in the Office of General Counsel regarding the status of high-cost support disbursements to SIC that is the subject of the Petition for Emergency Relief filed in these Dockets on December 3, 2015.

The topics of discussion included: (a) the telecommunications and public safety needs of the Hawaiian Home Lands and their native residents; (b) the critical importance of federal high-cost support in enabling SIC to operate its network in the very high-cost Hawaiian Home Lands and to repay the outstanding Rural Utilities Service debt it incurred to build that network; (c) the willingness of SIC to cooperate with the ongoing Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") audit and need to have such audit completed as soon as possible; and (d) the need for resolution of the suspension affecting SIC's July-through-December 2015 high-cost support and of the state certification issues potentially affecting its 2016 high-cost support.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, this submission is being filed for inclusion in the public record of the referenced proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Arden Barnett, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James Arden Barnett, Jr.
Rear Admiral USN (Retired)

cc: Suzanne Tetreault, Deputy General Counsel
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