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EX PARTE PRESENTATION

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc., Petition for Declaratory
Ruling, WC Docket No. 09-133

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 11, 2016, on behalf of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. ("NECA"), I spoke by telephone with Nicholas Degani, Legal Advisor – Wireline to Commissioner Pai, regarding the above-captioned matter.

NECA indicated that the NECA traffic sensitive pool payments continued to compensate Sandwich Isles Corporation ("SIC") for lease costs of the Paniolo undersea cable, an issue which continued to require Commission action. Even without compensation for non-paid Paniolo undersea cable lease costs, SIC would continue to receive sizable net payments from the traffic sensitive NECA pool. In response to a question, I indicated that Albert Hee had received his sentence for tax fraud.

I urged that the Commission promptly issue a ruling with respect to NECA's Petition for Clarification/Declaratory Ruling. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, please include this ex parte filing in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gregory J. Vogt

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cc: Nicholas Degani