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Re:Comments regarding #WC-09-133

The NECA made the right decision denying Sandwich Isles Communications from receiving additional subsidies to operate their new inter-island fiber-optic network. They are already receiving significant universal service fund subsidies for their land based fiber-optic networks. Thus it is not warranted that they receive additional money when there is alternative providers in place to provide the inter-island bandwidth to inter-connect their terrestrial networks.

However the latter pales in comparison to the questionable way they financed this new inter-island submarine fiber-optic network. It is my understanding that the USDA RUS rescinded funding this project back in 2005. This action forced Sandwich Isles Communications in 2007 to seek private financing. Parker Brophy, a Denver Colorado venture capitalist, funded the infrastructure costs through though Paniolo Cable Company LLC. Paniolo would own the network and lease it back to Sandwich Isles Communications.

Then in 2008 Parker Brophy sold the majority of his interest in Paniolo to Blue Ivory Hawaii Corporation. This firm is headed by a lawyer who works for Waimana Enterprises Inc (The parent company of Sandwich Isles Communications). Thus it would seem to me that Blue Ivory is simply a shell company for Sandwich Isles Communications.

I hope you further investigate these facts while you address Sandwich Isles Communications current petition.

Sincerely,

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