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Via Electronic Comment Filing System

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Ex parte meetings of the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly (WC Docket Nos. 09-133,10-90; CC Docket No. 96-45)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter, and pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules,¹ the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands Assembly (SCHHA)² provides notice of multiple meetings on November 5, 2015 with Commission representatives to discuss the future of voice and broadband communications service on Hawaiian Homelands, as summarized below. In the meetings, the SCHHA was represented by the undersigned. Separate meetings were held with the following representatives of the Commission: (i) Rebekah Goodheart, Legal Advisor for Commissioner Mignon Clyburn; (ii) Stephanie Weiner and Edward Smith, Legal Advisors for the Chairman; Carol Mattey, Ryan Palmer, and Garnet Hanley of the Wireline Competition Bureau; Irene Flannery, Acting Chief, and Sayuri Rajapakse, Senior Legal Advisor for the Office of Native Affairs and Policy, and (iii) Commissioner Ajit Pai.

In these meetings Chairman Danner discussed the concerns of Native Hawaiians with regard to the Telecommunications Plan designed to bring voice and broadband service to the Hawaiian Homelands. The Plan approved in 1996 incorporated USF support and USDA loan funds to serve certain areas of the Hawaiian Homelands, a land trust established by the U.S. Congress in 1920. The SCHHA interests are in avoiding interruption of service, and ensuring that the completion of the fiber optic network so important to social and economic opportunities for Native Hawaiian children and families is protected.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

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¹ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.
² The SCHHA is a coalition of 28 Hawaiian Homestead Associations representing the interests of families and individual beneficiaries under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.