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Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

RE: SB 1347 – Relating to the Public Utilities Commission
CPN Committee – February 24, 2011, Conference Room 229, 9:00 AM

Aloha Chair Baker and members of the Committee:

I am Lyndall Nipps, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for tw telecom (“TWTC”), which has operated in Hawaii since 1994, providing voice, Internet and data networking, and managing nearly 25,000 access lines to state and local governments, military, and businesses in the State. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on SB 1347, which allows public utilities to electronically file certain documents with the Public Utilities Commission (the “PUC”).

TWTC supports the bill, but agrees with certain comments on HB 880, which is very similar to SB 1347. First, the bill currently only applies to filings to change a utility’s rates and charges or other tariff provisions. TWTC would support expanding the bill to apply to all filings. Second, TWTC understands that changes to the PUC’s administrative rules and its Document Management System are required to implement these changes. TWTC recommends that the bill acknowledge the need for these changes and provide sufficient funding to make the necessary changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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