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December 11, 2016

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Dear Chair Case:

Re: Contested Case Hearing In Re Thirty Meter Telescope CDUP Application;
Amano EIGHTH Supplemental Disclosure

I am submitting my Eighth Supplemental Disclosure related to my serving as the Hearing Officer in the Contested Case Hearing In Re Thirty Meter Telescope CDUP Application. Please consider this supplemental disclosure part of my ongoing duty to disclose new information that may be considered a conflict of interest.

By email to me dated December 8, 2016, at 4:08 p.m., an attorney who represents one of the parties in a mediation that I conducted last month, November 1, 2016, advised me that she is being replaced by Lincoln Ashida, Esq. As you know, Mr. Ashida is counsel for Perpetuating Unique Educational Opportunities (“P.U.E.O.”), a party in the Contested Case Hearing. I previously disclosed my relationship with Mr. Ashida in my Fifth Supplemental Disclosure, filed in the Documents Library on or about May 26, 2016, Document No. 045.

The mediation case involves disputes within an association of home owners. The mediation resulted in agreements that the attorneys have been working to document. I have been assisting them. Once the documentation is complete, my role as mediator will be concluded.

Thereafter, the parties are headed for arbitration of specific issues. I will not be the arbitrator but I believe Mr. Ashida will be participating in the arbitration as counsel for one of the parties. I also believe that Mr. Ashida’s assumption of prior counsel’s work will include wrapping up the settlement documents. To that end, Mr. Ashida and I, along with counsel for opposing parties, may be interacting.

Under the circumstances, I do not believe any reasonable person would consider my role as a mediator helping to get the settlement agreement done, would affect my impartiality as a hearings officer for this contested case hearing which has been ongoing since May 2016. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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As in the past, I will continue forward until the BLNR instructs me otherwise. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Judge Riki May Amano (ret.)

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District Use Application (CDUA) HA-3568
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